

# Hurd attacks Kinnock over spy book case

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government last night widened its criticism of Mr Neil Kinnock's conduct over the Australian spy book case when Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said that he had broken the political consensus over defence and national security.

In a strong personal attack on the Labour leader, whom he accused of an amazing mixture of incompetence and irresponsibility, Mr Hurd angered opposition MPs by putting forward Mr Kinnock's breach of the political consensus as a reason for opposing changes in the control of the security services by bringing in experienced politicians to review its operations.

Mr Hurd was speaking in a Commons debate in which he disclosed that improved positive vetting and management procedures for MI5 demanded by the Prime Minister in the wake of the 1985 Security Commission report into the Bettany spy case have been introduced by Sir Anthony Duff, the new Director-General of MI5.

Mr Hurd said that a report on the changes had been delivered to the Prime Minister earlier this year, and that the Security Commission had since informed Mrs Thatcher

of its approval "for the more open style of management" which the Director-General had introduced in the service. Vetting procedures were being improved following the recruitment of more investigating officers.

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Crown's case and British national security.

Granada Television last night flatly denied that Mr Greengrass had acted as an informant for Mr Kinnock. He was on leave and working for Mr Wright in a private capacity.

The allegations further angered the Labour Party which sees the Government's efforts to embarrass Mr Kinnock as an obvious diversionary tactic. Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, told a meeting of Labour MPs yesterday: "The Government is now engaged in a precisely planned and carefully co-ordinated attempt to divert public attention from the humiliation they are suffering in Sydney."

He demanded Mrs Thatcher state publicly whether she intended to abandon the traditional confidential briefings between the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition on security matters.

His remarks came as Government sources again made clear that Mrs Thatcher wants Mr Kinnock to explain to the Commons his contacts with the defence lawyer in the Wright case before there is any chance of the convention being restored. One Labour MP said yesterday: "She wants him to grovel."

In the Commons debate Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, described Mr Kinnock as "more of a fool than a knave".

● WASHINGTON: Mr Kinnock yesterday rejected Mrs Thatcher's call for him to return home and make a statement on his involvement with Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the defence lawyer in the MI5 book case. He said "they are not going to start running my life" (Robin Oakley writes).



Mounted police keep an eye on last-minute share applicants in the City of London yesterday. (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

## Sid blamed for gas applicants shortfall

By Richard Lander

The £5.6 billion British Gas share flotation closed yesterday with preliminary estimates indicating that far fewer people had applied than the organizers of the issue had hoped for only a few days ago.

However, the issue of 1.6 billion shares to the British public was well oversubscribed - perhaps by five times - and will be increased by a further 964 million shares originally allocated to British institutional investors and overseas applicants. A total of 4 billion shares are on offer.

Mr Michael Henman of Dewe Rogerson, the publicity adviser to British Gas, said between 3.5 million and 4 million people had applied by yesterday's 10 am deadline.

Earlier this week, the organizers had said that market research indicated about 6 million cheques and application forms would have to be counted. The figures also compare poorly with the 7.5 million inquiries for the issue and the 5.5 million priority registrations lodged by British Gas customers.

Suspicion for the reason behind the shortfall immediately fell on the long-running and expensive "Tell Sid" advertising campaign which appeared to delight and irritate the population in equal parts. "It looks like the ad campaign ran too long and peaked too early and failed to convert interest into applications," one City analyst said.

Mr Henman said it appeared many people had applied jointly on one form per household rather than individually. He estimated the average application size at £1,300, compared with £800 for British Telecom and £1,000 for the TSB.

Mr Anthony Alt, of N M Rothschild, the merchant bank adviser to the issue, also refused to be downcast. He said the issue would create more new shareholders than any other issue because the bank did not intend to ballot applicants as was done with the TSB issue.

Details of how many shares applicants will receive should be known by Monday, when official trading in the shares starts on the Stock Exchange. Details, page 21

## US connection possible in Guinness affair

By Lawrence Lever

The Guinness investigation took a new twist yesterday as suggestions emerged that two American financiers may have supported Guinness's share price at the time of its £2.7 billion bid for Distillers.

The effect of any price support operations would be to increase the value of Guinness's bid for Distillers and its chance of succeeding against the rival bid from Mr Gulliver, the chairman of Distillers.

Mr Gulliver turned down Mr Boesky's offer. Sources in the market say that Mr Boesky later used a number of investment businesses he controlled to purchase Guinness shares, pushing up the value of its bid for Distillers.

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company and imprisonment of any directors involved.

Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American speculator, is known to have approached Mr Gulliver, the chairman of Argill, apparently offering to support Argill's bid for Distillers. At the time Mr Boesky had a large holding of Distillers shares.

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when Argill took control.

Mr Gulliver declined to enter into any arrangement with Mr Riklis. Subsequently a subsidiary company of Rapid, called Schenley, purchased Guinness shares.

It subsequently emerged that Schenley held 30 million Guinness shares, representing 4 per cent of Guinness after it had been enlarged.

The size of the stake took Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, advising Argill, completely by surprise. It had been tracking the Guinness shareholder register and thought that Schenley held only 2 or 3 million shares.

During the course of the bid Samuel Montagu had asked the city's Takeover Panel to investigate whether there had been special arrangements between Guinness and other parties which had not been disclosed. The panel ruled that nothing untoward had happened. Adviser hit, page 21

## Swiss bank tie to CIA rebel aid

From Michael Binyon Washington

Afghan and Angolan rebels received covert assistance as a result of arms sales to Iran, a US Government source said yesterday.

The funds were supplied from a Swiss bank account, controlled by the Central Intelligence Agency, which was also used to supply money to Nicaraguan Contras rebels.

The source confirmed a report in yesterday's *Washington Post* that the US and the Saudi Arabian governments had each deposited \$250 million (£178.5 million) in the account to underwrite rebels fighting Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

A White House spokesman said he had no knowledge of the reported account. A CIA spokeswoman also declined comment.

The *Washington Post* report said money from the Swiss account was used to buy arms for the Contras when Congress had forbidden any military support for them.

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Money from the account was used to buy arms which were clandestinely shipped to guerrillas in Afghanistan and, more recently, to Contras in Nicaragua, according to one congressional source.

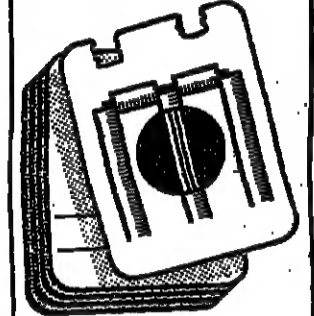
This version contradicts statements made by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, that profits from the Iran arms sales were "deposited" in bank accounts which were under the control of the Contras and their supporters.

One source said Mr Meese may not have been fully informed when he made his statement on November 25.

● CREDIBILITY HIT: Vice-President George Bush on Wednesday conceded that President Reagan's "credibility has been damaged," but said he supported secret arms sales to Iran (AP reports).

## Tomorrow

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## Portfolio Gold

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr T. Lane of Christchurch, Dorset. Details, page 3. ● Portfolio list, page 27; how to play, information service, page 20.

## TIMES BUSINESS

**P&O bid talks**  
P & O and European Ferries are holding merger talks after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission cleared a takeover bid valuing European Ferries at more than £300 million. Page 21

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**Tour called off**  
A South African public school has arrived in England for a series of rugby matches in the wake of a decision to call off a tour by the Hedgeshogs, a university team from the Republic. Page 42

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**Hidden boon**  
Self-employment may be a hidden boon for over-45s in the job market and for the organizations for which they perform services, says the introduction to today's seven-page General Appointments section. Pages 29 to 35

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## Why Havers was not consulted

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, was excluded from the decision not to stop the Chapman Pincher spy book in 1981 because of the "delicate" circumstances in which the manuscript was obtained by MI5, senior government sources have said.

Far from Sir Michael having taken the decision to allow the book to go ahead unchallenged, as Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, said in his original evidence to the Peter Wright spy book case in Sydney, it is now clear that a deliberate decision was taken not to inform him.

As reported in *The Times* on Monday the decision not to ban the book, *Their Trade Is Treachery*, was taken primarily on the advice of MI5's chief lawyer.

It is suspected by Labour MPs that the manuscript was stolen some weeks before the book's publication and its existence and contents notified to the Government by MI5.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, made the apparently suspicious circumstances in which the book was obtained a central feature of his speech in yesterday's Commons debate on the security services. He asked whether illegal methods were employed and what sort of ministerial approval was required before MI5 could act illegally.

In the Sydney court on Friday, after he corrected his earlier evidence that Sir Michael took the decision on the Pincher book and said, instead, that it had been the view of "legal advisers," Sir Robert said that the advice was based on two matters: "First, that we did not have a title the possession of which the Government was prepared to admit, and second, we had not been able to identify with sufficient particularity and certainty the sources of confidential information on which the book was apparently based."

Later, when asked about the meeting at which the decision

## Mrs Mandela pelted by blacks

Cape Town (Reuters) - Mrs Winnie Mandela, the black nationalist leader, was pelted with rubbish and soft drink cans by angry blacks yesterday as she left the trial of a friend who had been convicted of murder, eye-witnesses said.

About 200 blacks were said to have thrown rubbish and sand at Mrs Mandela, wife of the nationalist leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, who is serving a life sentence. She was

trying to slip out of the Cape Town Supreme Court by a back entrance.

She was attending the trial of Lindi Mangaliso, who had been convicted along with two hired killers of murdering her husband Victor, a businessman in Cape Town's Gugulethu township.

The court was hearing evidence in mitigation before passing sentence. The case has aroused passions in the black

township and the crowd appeared angry that Mrs Mandela, a woman of international standing, was associating with an unpopular figure.

Witnesses said Mrs Mandela, aged 51, was aware of simmering anger.

The witnesses said Mrs Mandela, normally treated with adulation in black townships, remained cool throughout the incident.

## Murdoch buys 'family' newspaper

By Our City Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corporation media group publishes *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The News of the World*, is bidding Aus\$1.8 billion (£818 million) for the Herald and Weekly Times company, the biggest Australian television, newspaper and radio station group.

On one level, the move strengthens Mr Murdoch's ties with the country where he was born and from where he built up a global communications empire that now stretches across Europe and the United States. However, Mr Murdoch also has a far closer and more personal association with the Melbourne-based company - it was managed, and its destiny shaped, for many years by



Sir Keith Murdoch: 'a fine journalist'



Mr Rupert Murdoch: Strengthening ties

his father, Sir Keith Murdoch. Before taking charge of the H&WT group, Sir Keith achieved an impressive reputation as a journalist. "He was a fine journalist whose career was distinguished by his disclosures about that gory

piece of British bungling, the Gallipoli campaign," wrote one follower of the Australian press.

After laying down his pen, he built H&WT into the strongest and most successful newspaper group in Australia

through astute purchases and an acute sense of popular taste for bright and interesting newspapers.

This may raise the question of why Mr Murdoch junior had to pay so much for H&WT yesterday - having failed once before to take control in 1979 - instead of simply inheriting the company when his father died in 1962. In fact, it was not generally known that Sir Keith owned no more than a nominal number of shares in H&WT which could give him no managerial influence over the group on his death.

Most of Sir Keith's fortune was in other operations, particularly the *Adelaide News*, which formed the springboard of what is today the News Corporation. Page 21

## Maze escapers returned to face charges

Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly were remanded in custody on charges connected with the mass escape from the Maze prison in 1983 when they appeared at court in Lisburn, Co Antrim yesterday afternoon, about three hours after their return to Northern Ireland on extradition from the Netherlands.

McFarlane, aged 35, and Kelly, aged 33, were flown to Belfast's Aldergrove airport.

Jointly, the two men each face seven charges of imprisoning seven prison officers on the day of the escape.

The magistrate remanded the two men, who were both serving life sentences for terrorist offences, to appear at Belfast Magistrates Court on Friday.

## BCal buys long-range US jets for £700m

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A £700 million order for nine American-built MD-11 long-range jets has been placed by British Caledonian, making it the launch customer for the aircraft.

Although British Caledonian had formally been evaluating both the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 and the proposed European-built A340, in which Britain has a 20 per cent stake, the Airbus was quickly rejected by the independent Airbus.

British Aerospace, which

hopes to build the Airbus wings, described the decision as "unsurprising".

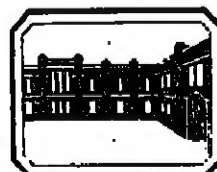
A senior BA official said: "We never believed that BCal would be among the first customers for the A340 because it plainly does not fit their requirements."

The MD-11 is an extended version of the existing DC-10, mainstay of the BCal long-haul fleet, more than 400 of which have been sold around the world. It will carry up to

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Police officers in conduct inquiry

The independent Police Complaints Authority is to supervise an investigation into possible criminal conduct by some Derbyshire police officers during an audit hearing into alleged oversteering by Mr Alfred Parrish, the former Chief Constable.

Mr Alan Elliott, an assistant chief constable of the West Midlands, is to conduct the police investigation into statements made during the District Auditor's public hearing which started last month in Matlock, Derbyshire, into alleged irregularities involving alterations costing £28,000 to Mr Parrish's office at Ripley.

## Gay books protest

An official complaint about the open display of explicit homosexual and lesbian literature in a public library has been sent to the left-wing London borough council of Brent by Dr Rhodes Boyson, the Local Government Minister and MP for Brent North.

In a letter to Brent's chief executive, Dr Boyson said that given the spread of AIDS, the exhibition of such material threatened the survival of society. He added that he had received repeated complaints from local parents about the display of the homosexual literature in a library in Carlton Avenue West in his constituency.

## Driver guilty

Carey Styles, aged 48, of Tobrak Road, Hayton, Liverpool, the driver of a coach which crashed on the M6 motorway near Birmingham last year killing three people, was yesterday found guilty of careless driving by magistrates at Solihull.

Kethi Weston, aged 35, of Windlow Mews, Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, a lorry driver involved in the accident, was also convicted of careless driving.

## Tory MP on bail

Mr Tom Arnold (right), a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, was remanded on bail until January 7 when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday.

Mr Arnold, aged 39, of Pimlico, MP for Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester, was accused of driving with excess alcohol in Trafalgar Square last Tuesday night.

He is alternatively charged with driving while unfit on the same occasion.

## Probe into Militant

Mr David Hughes, the Labour Party national agent, is to visit Blyth Valley on December 18 to investigate claims of Militant infiltration and intimidation of moderate activists and alleged irregularities in the conduct of constituency business.

The probe has been launched at the instigation of Mr John Eymann, the MP for the Northumberland mining seat, who has threatened to resign and force a by-election in which he will stand on an anti-Militant platform unless an urgent inquiry is begun.

## Demystifying the Civil Service on TV

By Michael Evans  
Whitehall Correspondent

The Civil Service has opened its doors to television cameras to reveal how the "chosen few" are recruited to become the high-fliers destined for the top jobs.

In an attempt to show that not all recruits come from public schools and Oxbridge, the BBC has been allowed to film the selection process for the 100 or so jobs allocated each year to graduates, for the "fast stream" in the Civil and diplomatic services.

These are the recruits expected to reach assistant secretary level or above in their careers.

This year, for the first time, less than half of the graduate candidates for the "fast stream" come from Oxford and Cambridge.

The candidates are put through a gruelling interrogation by a panel that includes a businessman and an academic as well as senior Civil Servants.

Yesterday, Mr Dennis Tyevelyan, the principal Civil Service Commissioner, said he hoped that the televised interviews would not put off potential recruits. "I thought

it was time we de-mystified the Civil Service selection process," he said.

The first of two programmes, part of BBC2's 40 Minutes series, is scheduled for tonight. It shows candidates being given a hard time by the final selection board. Two candidates, both of whom, as it happens, came from Oxbridge but with different family backgrounds, are frequently lost for words in the panic to answer the questions intelligently at the final interview.

The two victims of the grilling are Louise Allott, applying to join the diplomatic service and Timothy Cooke, seeking to enter the Home Civil Service.

Louise, who went to Charterhouse and Cambridge, and is the daughter of a solicitor and farmer, succeeded, even though she failed to solve the Middle East crisis during her 30-minute interrogation.

Tim, aged 25, who went to a state school and Oxford, and worked for the Greater London Council until its demise this April, fails, mainly because he gets on his high horse about the "immorality" of nuclear power.

The panel went for Louise's "outstanding personality" and gave her the benefit of the doubt, in spite of worries expressed by the businessman, Mr David Hunter-Johnston, of Transoceanic Trust, that she had an "alarming" lack of basic intelligence.

After Tim Cooke's argument over nuclear power, with Mr Hunter-Johnston, he came out, still being filmed, cursing his luck and said to another candidate waiting for interview: "I asked him if he would live next door to a nuclear power station, but the bastard said yes".

## Compromise on teachers' pay will be put to Baker

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

One of the teaching unions which signed the recent Acas deal with the education authorities has put together a compromise package aimed at solving the apparent impasse between the Government and the local authority employers.

The Professional Association of Teachers, whose 36,000 members are bound never to strike, will put its revised plans to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, at a meeting next Thursday.

If the association receives encouragement for the blueprint, Mr Peter Dawson, the union's general secretary, will seek an appointment with the employers' leader, Mr John Pearman.

The initiative is a controversial attempt to find a middle way between two divergent views on structuring teachers' pay. Mr Baker wants five "incentive posts" for senior staff and good teachers on top of a basic salary scale ranging from £7,900 to £12,700.

The local authorities have only two promotion allowances in their deal but higher salaries in the main professional grade, which ranges from £9,700 to £15,058. Moreover, the Acas package is costed at about £690 million to March 1988, compared with the £608 million which the Government has proposed.

Providing its national council approves the new model at a meeting on Saturday, the association will present Mr Baker with a plan which will include four promotion posts

worth £1,000, £1,500, £3,000 and £4,000, and a main professional grade which starts at £9,500 and ends at £14,000.

Furthermore, in providing promotion allowances for about 45 per cent of teachers, the association believes it could be satisfactory to Mr Baker. His deal provides such posts for 50 per cent of the teaching profession compared with the 23 per cent contained in the Acas deal.

The union hopes to attract support from other unions whose members are voicing anxieties about compressed differentials.

However, it is almost certain to be rejected by the two largest unions. The National Union of Teachers has said it will not accept more allowances at the expense of the main salary grades, while a ceiling of £14,000 would be dismissed out of hand by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Moreover, the employers are likely to take a dim view of proposing new ideas at a time when union members are being consulted about the original deal.

All six unions are either balloting or consulting their members with results expected from most of them by the middle of next week.

Mr Pearman has arranged a meeting on December 19 at which he says both sides must agree on a final position.

Mr Baker has said he will impose his own contract on pay and conditions if a satisfactory settlement is not forthcoming by early 1987.



Mrs Nesta Brown working in the Royal Opera House ballet shoe room where she describes her working conditions as "like a prison".

She looks forward to big improvements in facilities and space when renovation plans go ahead in the spring, if the Royal Opera wins planning permission.

About £24 million will have to be raised from benefactors to remove outdated equipment, backstage, and provide better working conditions and storage space.

Dressing rooms will have modern facilities and Mrs Brown will not have to descend to an outside hut to fetch shoes.

(Photograph: John Manning)

## Hurd acts to curb crossbow menace

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday signalled the beginning of a clampdown on the availability of crossbows (Nicholas Wood writes).

He said he would urge traders not to sell the weapons to people under the age of 17 and he would like to give his appeal the backing of law.

In the absence of an early opportunity for Government legislation, ministers would "look favourably" on a private member's Bill, he said.

Mr Hurd's announcement came in a written answer to Miss Janet Fookes, the Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake, who has campaigned for curbs on crossbows for the past 10 years.

She said the Home Secretary's decision was "a step in the right direction".

Figures collected by some police forces show that in the year to last April there were 115 offences involving crossbows.

## Thatcher blasts Labour on defence

By Peter Davenport  
Defence Correspondent

Labour's non-nuclear defence policies would seriously affect the ability of the United Kingdom to deter aggression and would leave the country open to intimidation, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

They would be dangerous, wholly ineffective in convincing the Soviet leadership of the risks inherent in aggression and would increase the risks of conflict.

Mrs Thatcher returned to the attack on Labour's plans in an interview, published yesterday, with the magazine *Jane's Defence Weekly*.

Her comments reinforced those of Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, to *The Times* earlier this week in response to allegations being made by Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, on his visit to the United States, where he is trying to convince American politicians that his policies will not weaken British commitment to Nato.

She was asked how she viewed Labour's unilateralist defence policy and the party's intent to pursue a non-provocative posture.

Nato, Mrs Thatcher said, was purely a defensive alliance and none of its weapons would ever be used except in response to an attack. The flexibility of response through the full range of weapons capabilities, from conventional to theatre and strategic nuclear forces, was a key element of the strategy.

The Soviet Union should never have the option of escalating an attack to a level at which it might calculate there was no credible Nato response.

That is why Labour Party policies of unilateral nuclear disarmament and removal of American nuclear bases in the United Kingdom would be so dangerous. They would seriously affect our ability to deter aggression and prevent intimidation.

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## Paper silent on dismissals

By Michael McCarthy

Reticence was heavy in the air yesterday at the Communist *Morning Star* newspaper, chief scourge of *The Times* and the other News International titles over their move to Wapping, as details emerged of the paper's own dismissal of a quarter of its printworkers.

Thirty-six members of Sogat '82, the National Graphical Association and the engineering union have been made redundant at the paper because of a severe cash crisis threatening its future.

The redundancies were reported in yesterday's *Morning Star*. The paper said: "The departments selected for redundancy are those which are uneconomic because of the wage relationship to hours worked".

The bland language hides a remarkable truth: that even the paper which is the greatest champion of the traditional print unions has itself had to resort, for its own survival, to dismissal rather than negotiation when faced with traditional working practices.

The printers concerned, it was reported elsewhere yesterday, earned £600 a week and actually worked only 45 minutes of their nightly eight-hour shift. When asked to perform contract printing work during the seven hours they were idle they refused unless they were paid extra and were dismissed.

The *Morning Star* was not keen publicly to acknowledge this yesterday, much less discuss it, surprising perhaps in a paper which champions the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom.

The *Times* attempted to contact the editor, Mr Tony Chater. The switchboard operator spoke to his secretary and was told: "Mr Chater has made a statement to the Press Association and is not taking any press calls".

The switchboard operator said: "I've just tried to put another paper through and he wouldn't take that".

Five minutes later, after ascertaining that no statement had been made to the Press Association besides the original one announcing the redundancies on Tuesday night, *The Times* rang back to ask if one simple question could be put to Mr Chater: How, in essence, was the

situation at the *Morning Star* different from the situation at Wapping?

The switchboard operator said: "How is the situation at the *Morning Star* different from the situation at Wapping? Just a minute."

After another minute this helpful lady said: "Hello love? Dave Whitfield, the assistant editor, is going to type something out and if you hold on I'm to read it to you".

After yet a further minute she said: "Are you there, love? Oh dear, look. Now I've been told we're not to make any comment to anyone from Wapping. All right?"

The redundancy terms offered have caused considerable ill-feeling among the dismissed men. They have been offered one month's notice, with one week's pay for every year of service, in line with the Government minimum.

The 5,100 printworkers dismissed after going on strike when Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International moved its four papers, including *The Times*, to its new plant at Wapping, east London, have been offered a month's pay for every year of service.

ensure their special interest was entrenched as a right.

An example was the eighteenth amendment to the American constitution introducing prohibition. Lord McCuskey added, which was seen as the crowning achievement of those wanting to save the republic from "the corrupting effects of alcohol, the saloon and the movies and all sins robbing it of its purity".

Such a right in future could not be altered by Parliament, he said.

A Bill of Rights was not the "gateway to the promised land", he said. The question was whether it was necessary and whether its advantages outweighed its disadvantages for the UK.

It would be hard to argue that such Bills succeed in preserving the fundamental rights of citizens in countries where they exist more than the ordinary law as applied in the UK, he said.

Lord McCuskey said that one of the main arguments in favour of entrenching rights in a charter was that they could not be disturbed by a temporary political majority in power for five or 10 years.

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## Times not stocked by 2 councils

Only two local authorities are not providing *The Times* in public libraries after the High Court ruling last month that such bans are unlawful.

They are the London boroughs of Brent and Newham. Brent is maintaining the ban introduced in June, while Newham has rescinded the ban in theory, but has withdrawn all newspaper and newspaper publications while it reviews its newspaper provision policy.

Mr R P Brenton, Newham's director of leisure services, said yesterday that the review was being carried out by elected members who had been nominated by a full meeting of the council.

Mr Brenton said he did not know if *The Times* and the other banned News International titles - *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The News of the World* - would be restocked after the review is completed next Wednesday.

More than twenty councils originally banned News International titles.

## The Reith Lectures

## 'Bill of Rights has dangers'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The dangers of a Bill of Rights, which would involve a shift of power from elected and accountable MPs to judges who are not, were highlighted by a High Court judge last night.

Lord McCuskey, solicitor general for Scotland under the last Labour government, said: "Why it should be supposed that elderly lawyers with cautious and backward-looking habits of thought are qualified to overrule the judgements of democratically elected legislators as to what is justified I do not profess to understand".

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## Thatcher blasts Labour on defence

By Peter Davenport  
Defence Correspondent

Labour's non-nuclear defence policies would seriously affect the ability of the United Kingdom to deter aggression and would leave the country open to intimidation, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

They would be dangerous, wholly ineffective in countering the risks inherent in aggression and would increase the risks of conflict.

Mrs Thatcher returned to the attack on Labour's plans yesterday, with the publication of *Jane's Defence* magazine.

Her comments reinforced those of Mr George Young, Defence Secretary, in his weekly letter to the House of Commons.

Allegations being made by Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, on his visit to the United States, where he is trying to convince American politicians that British defence will not weaken British commitment to NATO.

She was asked how she viewed Labour's unilateral defence policy and the party's intent to pursue a non-nuclear posture.

Nato, Mrs Thatcher said, was a defence alliance and not a defence policy. It would ever be a defence policy, she said, but it would not be a defence policy.

The full range of weapons capabilities, from conventional to nuclear, were key elements of the strategy.

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## Police 'more likely to side with wife-beater than battered woman'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A policeman called to a domestic dispute is more likely to side with the wife-beater than the battered woman, it was claimed yesterday.

The London Police Monitoring and Research Group, funded by nine left-wing London boroughs, calls for instant police intervention, better police training, more women judges and better-funded women's refuges.

It says rape within marriage should be outlawed and wife-beating made grounds for eviction in council tenancy agreements.

In a briefing paper, the group says that more than 1,000 London women become victims of violence in the home each week and argues that "undue expectations" have been raised over the power of civil injunctions to prevent abuse.

"The police will not enforce an injunction unless there is a power of arrest attached - even then they rarely arrest the offending man."

"This is despite the fact that police inaction can, and has, led to the death of the woman at the hand of the man concerned."

A woman who had showed a letter to a police officer warning that a man had assaulted her was later murdered by him, the paper said. The officer did not read the letter fully, saw the man off the premises and left.

Later that night the man returned, the woman jumped out of the first-floor window to escape him and he killed her in the back garden.

The report says "This horrifying case clearly illustrates the limitations of domestic violence proceedings and emphasizes the need for the police to take positive action to protect the woman."

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"A policeman is more likely to identify with the wife-beating man than the besieged woman", the document says.

The paper criticizes the lack of reliable information gathered by Scotland Yard on domestic violence, which "inevitably affects provision and planning, and militates against effective prevention, thereby exposing more women to further risk."

It recommends that independent rather than dependent status should be given to immigrant women, domestic violence law should be extended to non-cohabitating men, non-physical molestation should become grounds for arrest, and injunctions should be widened to restrain third parties acting on behalf of the offending man.

The paper also says the granting of injunctions should be speeded up and domestic violence made a consideration in child access cases.

The police reluctance to make use of the criminal law to deal with domestic violence defined that violence as less criminal than violence outside the home. Rather than arresting the man, the police tended either to ignore evidence of injuries or to define them as common assault.

Preliminary results of the *Islington Crime Survey* by Middlesex Polytechnic Centre of Criminology in 1985 showed a high level of violence. In the attacks, 92 per cent of women were punched or slapped; 57 per cent were kicked.

In 22 per cent of incidents weapons were used, ranging from bottles and glasses to knives, scissors, sticks, clubs and other blunt objects.

The inadequacy of police recording practices was shown in a specially commissioned analysis of the serious assault

figures in England and Wales for 1984. According to the Metropolitan Police working party on domestic violence, only 360 out of 19,002 serious assaults were recorded between spouses.

Yet in 1984 more than 4,500 women convinced the courts that they had been physically injured and were in serious danger of being attacked by their husbands and partners. Most of the men were never charged.

Miss Jo Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, said yesterday there were estimated to be at least 100,000 cases of domestic violence a year in London alone. She would certainly be looking closely at the need for new legislation.

The report is to be sent to the Lord Chancellor, Home Secretary and Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Mr Don Cassidy, executive director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, said in Ottawa yesterday that coping with domestic violence represented a "large factor" in Canadian policing operations (John Best writes).

Society's concern had grown noticeably in the past three or four years, driven partly by the efforts of women's groups to draw attention to it.

Law enforcement authorities had responded in a number of ways. Police were now not so reluctant to intervene in family violence and dealing with such disputes was now part of their training. Professional actors were sometimes used as role models.

In some larger cities several police patrol cars carried, in addition to policemen, qualified social workers capable of dealing with situations involving family violence.

A new telephone service which will tell 50 and 60 million of stock market investors what their shares are worth is to go on trial.

Citycall Portfolio, which will provide an up-date of prices every 10 minutes, is to be tested by 50 to 100 shareholders.

The latest prices and movements of more than 1,700 shares will be continuously fed through a special computer. The information will then be converted into speech by a memory that contains pre-recorded elements of speech - it is the latest advance in voice-processing technology being tested by British Telecom.

The subscriber will only need a touch tone telephone or a new device called an MF4 tone keypad that fits over the mouthpiece of a telephone to obtain the latest bulletin. Push buttons will be used to key in a password and a code identifying the person's portfolio.

During the trial period there will be no subscription charges. The only cost will be the telephone call, charged at 33p a minute between 8.00am and 6.00 pm and 22p a minute overnight and at weekends.

The Citycall financial information services were developed initially for professional and business organizations in the City, but they are being extended to cater for the widening population of investors.

The service is likely to be marketed early next year.

Shona Crawford Poole, *The Times* Cookery Correspondent, spent the evening signing copies of *The New Times Cook Book*.

During the evening, the company's wine stores around the country gave away 1 1/2 tons of rose-scented soap and 578 gallons of wine.

A shopper who spent £10,000 on gifts at the Regent Street store received 200 25 gift vouchers.

Mr Noel Edmonds: back on the BBC at Christmas.

dicts series was recorded before the tragedy.

Christmas Day also promises comedy from Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis in the last episode of *Just Good Friends*, David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst in a feature-length *Only Fools and Horses*, and Russ Abbot in his own show.

Joan Hickson will be back as Miss Marple in *Agatha Christie's Murder at the Vicarage*, and the Christmas Day fare also includes the British TV film premiere of *Educating Rita*, with Michael Caine and Julie Walters and the musical *Annie*.

The Queen's Christmas Broadcast will go out in the afternoon on BBC1 and be repeated later on BBC2 with subtitles and "signing" for the deaf.

Comedy is at the forefront with seasonal specials from Kenny Everett and Stanley Baxter, Christmas editions of *'Allo 'Allo*, *Hi-de-Hi!* and *In Sickness and in Health*, the start of a new series of the *Last of the Summer Wine*, and some of the Christmas classics of *Morecambe and Wise*.

BBC stars in their own programmes include Paul Daniels, Bob Monkhouse, Les Dawson, Jimmy Savile, Russell Harty and Roland Rat and Terry Wogan will be seen meeting *Dallas* stars Larry Hagman and Linda Gray.

Michael Crawford will bring his hit musical *Barnum* to TV screens, and viewers will be able to go to the celebrity dinner celebrating Sir Harry Secombe's 40 years in show business.

Drama on the two networks include *Alan Ayckbourn's Season's Greetings*, with Geof-

frey Palmer and Anna Massey, Keith Waterhouse's *Slip-Up*, about Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs and Hannah Gordon in an adaptation of a Thomas Hardy tale, *Day after Day*.

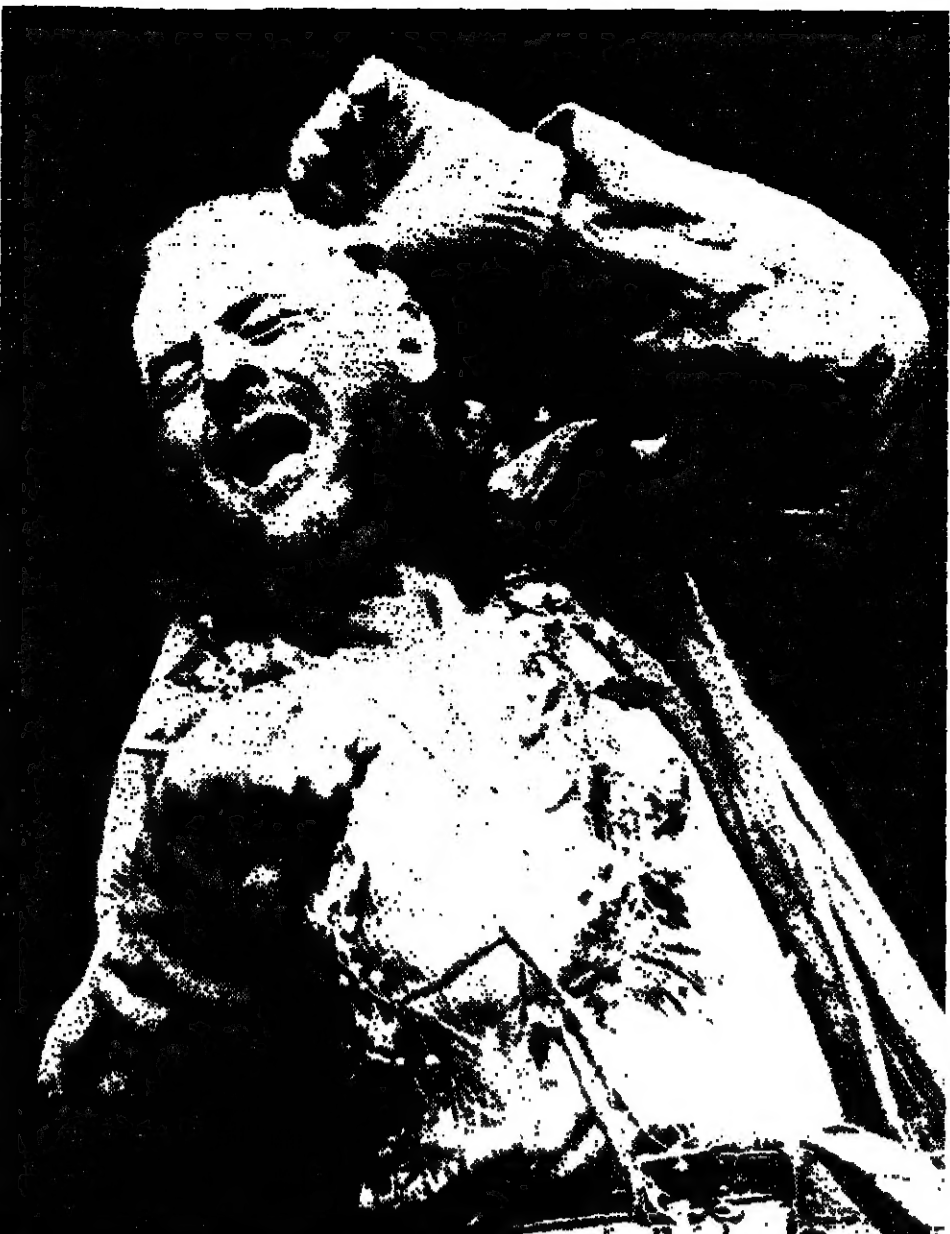
Feature films during the BBC's two-week festive season include *Tootsie*, with Dustin Hoffman, Steven Spielberg's *Pollux* and 1941, Paul Newman in *The Verdict* and Meryl Streep in *Sophie's Choice*.

Music programmes will cater for a wide variety of tastes. Pavarotti's *Jubilee* will celebrate the tenor's 25 years at the top, an 80th birthday portrait of composer Aaron Copland will be screened, and there will be a ballet for Boxing Day - *Olegin*.

Seasonal music will also come from Aled Jones, James Galway and Val Doonican.

Esther Rantzen will continue her campaign against child abuse with a *Childwatch* update, and there will be a *Review of the Year* with Peter Snow.

Over the 14 days about 100 hours of television will be accompanied by Cee-fax subtitles for the deaf.



A tormented Anthony Hopkins, who plays the lead role in *King Lear*, during a dress rehearsal for the production directed by David Hare, which opens at the National Theatre's Olivier Theatre in London on December 11 (Photograph: Nobby Clark)

## Puzzle over Aids infection

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The husband and youngest child of a woman who died from Aids two months ago are also carriers of the infection, a medical investigation has disclosed.

Doctors are trying to discover whether the woman was infected during a blood transfusion five years ago, or whether the disease was transmitted sexually between her and her husband.

They are also hoping to establish whether the couple's baby son was infected during pregnancy or after he was born.

The woman died two months ago in Newcastle upon Tyne general hospital. Her husband and their son, aged 23 months, were tested and found to be

seropositive for traces of the virus, but have no symptoms of the disease.

The possible explanations are that a contaminated blood transfusion caused the woman's infection; that the husband was infected first and transmitted the virus sexually to his wife, without showing symptoms of the disease; that the wife was infected from a previous sexual partner and passed the virus to her husband.

Details of the case were reported yesterday in *The Journal*, the Newcastle newspaper, but names of the family were not disclosed.

The report said that the woman was given blood from two separate donors when she

gave birth to her first son five years ago, three years before her marriage. That child has not been infected.

One of the donors has been traced and cleared of being a carrier, but the other has moved home and not yet been contacted.

The husband was reported as saying that he now realized the truth of the government publicity campaign that everyone was at risk from Aids.

Nottingham Health Authority is to appoint an Aids liaison officer, on a £12,500 a year salary.

The officer will be expected to develop a public information and education strategy to halt the spread of the virus.

## Siege man admits he killed woman

A man had a "considerable change of heart" at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and admitted killing a young mother and severely wounding her daughter, aged four, during a siege.

Errol Walker, aged 29, admitted the manslaughter of Jackie Charles, aged 22, but still denied murdering her.

He also changed his plea and admitted other charges of seriously wounding Mrs Charles's daughter, Carlene, during the 29-hour siege at a council flat in Poynters Gardens, Northolt, west London, last Christmas.

Mr Justice Allott told the jury: "There obviously has been a very considerable change of heart by the defendant."

The prosecution said that it needed until today to decide whether it could accept his plea of manslaughter. The decision will be based on psychiatric evidence.

Walker had spent two days listening to evidence that he stabbed Mrs Charles and then tortured her daughter during the siege.

The daughter's ordeal at knife-point was ended when police stormed into the flat, shot Walker in the head and rescued her, the prosecution has told the court.

When Walker appeared in court yesterday Mr Christopher Barnett, for the defence, asked for the charges to be put again.

In a filtering, almost inaudible voice Walker said he was not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter and then went on to admit three charges of wounding the girl, causing her grievous bodily harm, falsely imprisoning her and threatening to kill.

He still denies attempting to murder the girl.

Mr Julian Bevan, for the prosecution, has said that Walker, of Tachbrook Road, Southall, west London, took Carlene and her mother hostage while searching for his wife, Marlene.

Police officers first saw Carlene's mother hurled from the window, dying from stab wounds. Walker then turned on the terrified child. Police officers saw him back the girl's fingers with a knife, Mr Bevan said. "Blood was pouring from her wounds. Although obviously very frightened she did not scream."

The trial continues today.

## Portfolio - Gold - Checking confirms windfall

Yesterday's outright winner of the £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize, Mr Tom Lane, of Stourway, Christchurch, Dorset, had to check his wife's calculations after she had added up the numbers on the winning card three times and still thought she might have got the total wrong. "My arithmetic is so bad", she said.

The Lanes have been regular Portfolio players since the competition began. They plan to use part of their winnings for their first holiday in two years, which they will spend with their children, aged 15 and 12.

The couple are both aged 38 and Mr Lane is a self-employed manufacturer's agent.

Mrs Jane Lane said yesterday: "I have been spending the money in my head and telling myself to calm down ever since breakfast time. It will be nice to have the extra cash for Christmas as well as the holiday."

Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold,  
The Times,  
PO Box 40,  
Blackburn,  
BB1 6AJ.

Mr Tom Lane, planning a family holiday.

Man bites thief

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## Lecturer accused of fraud

By Craig Seton

A senior lecturer with financial problems was able to withdraw £286,000 from a bank account which should have contained only £286, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

A bank in the United States made an error when transferring the £286, the court was told.

It was alleged that Mr Hamid Shadrokh-Cigari, aged 32, acted with "amazing speed and dishonesty" and used some of the money to order two Porsche cars, buy expensive TV and video equipment.

Mr James Pyke, for the prosecution, said that only a few thousand pounds had been recovered. Mr Shadrokh-Cigari, a lecturer in computer studies at Birmingham Polytechnic, was alleged to have hidden the money in a variety of bank and building society accounts.

Mr Shadrokh-Cigari, of Perry Common, Birmingham, denies obtaining £197,000 from the Midland Bank, by deception, and four charges of stealing bankers' drafts.

The trial continues today.

## BBC unveils Christmas shows

### EastEnders star in £17.5m package

The best-known public house in Britain is throwing open its doors on Christmas Day.

The Queen Vic in Albert Square will be featured in two episodes to give BBC viewers a double helping of the soap opera *EastEnders* during the day.

The double dose of *EastEnders* is part of the BBC's £17.5 million line-up of television programmes for the Christmas season, which also bring Noel Edmonds back on the screens live for the first time since the tragedy which ended his *Late Late Breakfast Show*.

In *Christmas Morning with Noel Edmonds* he will reunite families in Britain with loved ones in Australia. Noel will be in London's British Telecom Tower to link up with Melbourne and Sydney to bring families together - including those of some of England's cricketers.

Noel, whose *Late Late Breakfast Show* was scrapped when Mr Michael Lush, a viewer, died rehearsing a stunt, will also host a special edition of *Telly Addicts*. The current *Telly Ad-*



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dicts series was recorded before the tragedy.

Christmas Day also promises comedy from Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis in the last episode of *Just Good Friends*, David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst in a feature-length *Only Fools and Horses*, and Russ Abbot in his own show.

Joan Hickson will be back as Miss Marple in *Agatha Christie's Murder at the Vicarage*, and the Christmas Day fare also includes the British TV film premiere of *Educating Rita*, with Geof-

frey Palmer and Anna Massey, Keith Waterhouse's *Slip-Up*, about Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs and Hannah Gordon in an adaptation of a Thomas Hardy tale, *Day after Day*.

Feature films during the BBC's two-week festive season include *Tootsie*, with Dustin Hoffman, Steven Spielberg's *Pollux* and 1941, Paul Newman in *The Verdict* and M



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## PARLIAMENT

## Commission on security is called for by Owen

## SECURITY

In the light of the Peter Wright case, which was a damaging force, the case for maintaining the old system of trusting ministers alone to scrutinize the security services was no longer sustainable, Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, said when opening an Alliance debate in the Commons.

He moved a motion calling for the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses, to be known as the Special Commission on the Security Services, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

He said that it was common ground that at a time of increased terrorist activity worldwide, and problems with East-West relations, Britain needed its security services.

Those services had to operate with a very high degree of secrecy and it was accepted that questioning on the floor of the House was an inappropriate mechanism for calling them to account.

But there was also a growing concern that it was no longer possible, with the degree of revelations occurring, for Parliament to remain the only forum not discussing the issues raised. It was a bizarre situation in which the newspapers, television and radio were frequently discussing these issues, in considerable detail and yet there was no mechanism for parliamentary scrutiny.

He was sorry that the Prime Minister was not in the chamber. It was Mrs Thatcher who, for very understandable reasons, in 1979 broke with the precedent of not revealing information about the security services. The situation was exceptional. The Blunt case was an issue on which the nation would not have accepted no discussion in the Commons.

But when Mrs Thatcher kept quoting past precedent she must face the fact that she was the first Prime Minister to reveal so much information on the floor of the House. More information was revealed when the Prime Minister and Betty's cases followed.

More and more people were realizing that the old system, of totally trusting the ministers concerned, was not going to satisfy either Parliament or the wider public.

There was now a very strong case for devising a mechanism so that the House could have confidence that the security services were being scrutinized while protecting the essential confidentiality and secrecy of much of their activity.

The special commission suggested in the motion was deliberately designed to involve members of both Houses. That had positive merit, given the range of experience represented in the Lords.

It would also allow for the commission to have a chairman who was not a party political figure, or somebody who was no longer in the front line of party politics, such as a former prime minister. It also meant that senior servicemen and civil servants could be included.

The commission's members would be privy counsellors and, if an outsider was appointed, that person could be made a privy councillor. The appointment of outsiders would go some way towards avoiding the charge that the people involved would only be those in the know or part of the club, and ensure a good deal of cross-party support.

The sooner such a commission was established, and it was

only a question of when that would happen, the less they would see the divergence of some of the information damaging to the security services. It would also avoid the abuse of the order paper by which individuals had been named in recent weeks.

Mr Raymond Whitney (Weymouth, C) asked how such a mechanism would have prevented the recruitment of Betanczy.

Dr Owen said he did not believe it would have prevented that, nor could it prevent some people indulging in treachery. The recruitment procedures at MI5 had been seriously defective but former prime ministers had tightened them up.

He had been advocating such a commission for years, and the motion was not purely and simply a response to the present anxieties.

In the Peter Wright case, it was common ground that Wright had betrayed the trust of those who employed him and betrayed the trust of this country and any government would have been extremely disturbed by his briefing Chapman Pincher for his book in 1981.

The Government ought to have been concerned about the Granada television programme in July 1984 which was a flagrant breach of Wright's agreements. Now Wright had gone on to write his own book, he wanted nothing to do today to underwrite Wright's book which was utterly disgraceful.

The Government had been under considerable pressure to take the court action in Sydney but those who supported that action were entitled to ask the Government why it did not take action against Peter Wright when they knew he was a prime source for Pincher's book in 1981.

Allegations had been made, most recently and clearly in *The Sunday Times*, about MI5 having gained possession of that book six weeks in advance of its publication by the use of illegal methods. What sort of ministerial approval had to take place before MI5 could act illegally? Was such action given specific authorization by the Home Secretary in this case?

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) asked how action could have been taken against Wright when he was living outside jurisdiction.

Dr Owen said it may have been difficult to take action against Wright immediately, but he had been in Britain since 1981. Indeed, in 1984 he appeared in the Granada television programme which was being re-run tonight. He was amazed that the programme was being allowed to go out without any form of challenge. Why did the then Home Secretary and the Prime Minister not take action?

There was no doubt that Wright had been in Britain for the programme. The word used most often to describe what had been happening in Sydney was farce. It had already damaged the reputation of a very senior and hitherto well respected senior civil servant, the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong.

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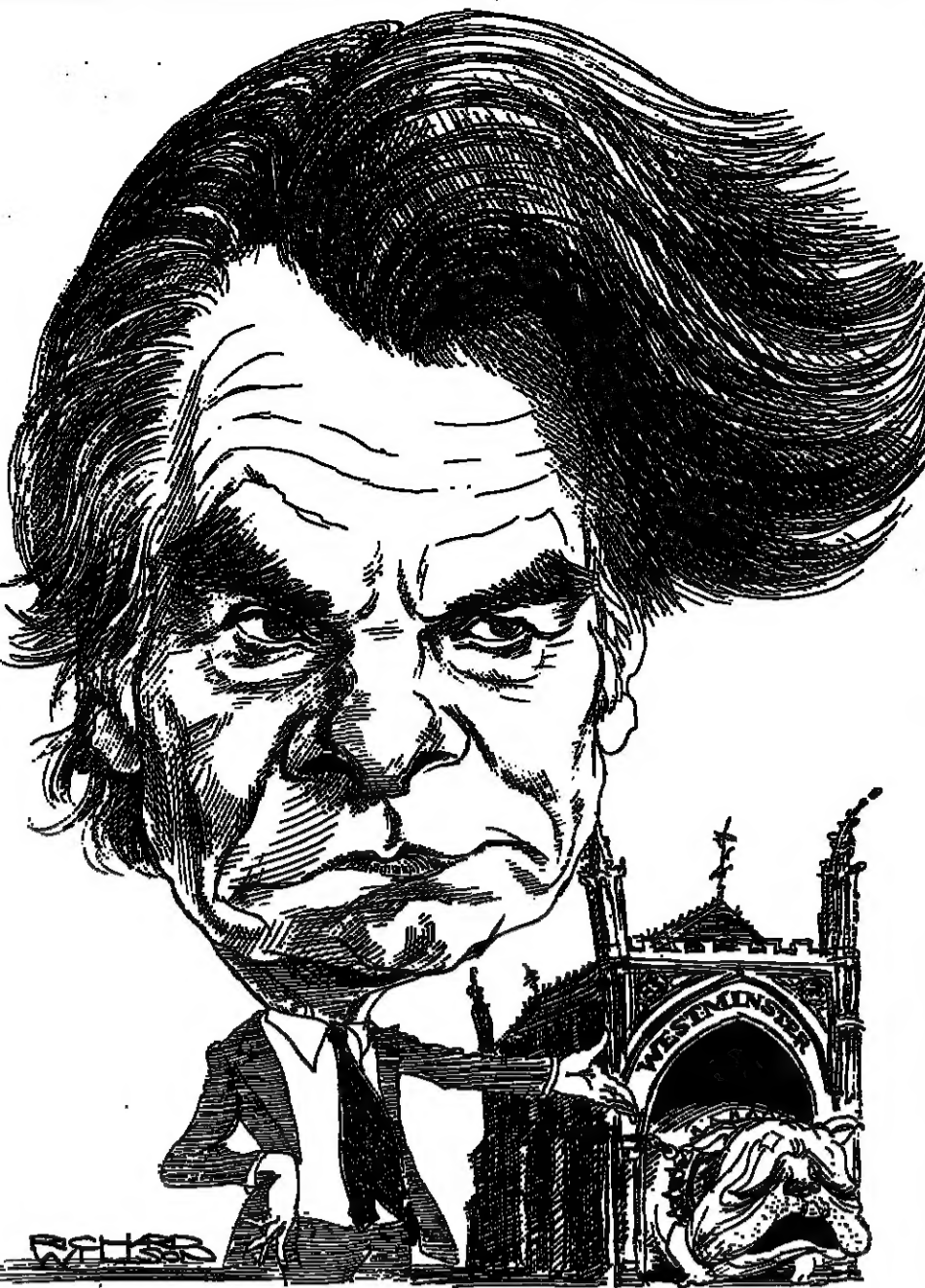
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Dr Owen seeking to put some teeth in the old watchdog.

## Iraqi soldiers get some UK training

Some members of the Iraqi armed forces received training at the Ministry of Defence establishments in the United Kingdom in each of the years 1981 to 1986, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions.

A small number of Iraqi military personnel also received training at these establishments in the UK between 1981 and 1984.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) On what basis does the Government's policy being based? Could he assure us that no further military personnel will be trained in this country from either Iraq or Iran and that he will investigate the activities of Jacob Munnir, who has a flat in London and, I understand, negotiates 80 per cent of Iran's imported arms procurement from an office in Victoria Street. Will he arrange for that office to be closed down?

Mr Renton: The training of military personnel in this country is done only in line with defence guidelines. It is essentially non-combat related.

On his last point, I have read these newspaper cuttings very carefully and we have no evidence of any illegal activity in relation to the purchasing of arms either for Iraq or Iran through this country.

Such purchasing arrangements are not illegal. What would be illegal is to try to export without a licence. If there is any evidence of that being done it will be investigated immediately.

Mr Robert Jackson (Wantage, C) Is it not in the interests of Britain and the West to seek to bring down the Saddamist barrier of isolation in Iran?

Mr Renton: Yes. We will as a long-term objective seek to establish a better relationship with the Iranian Government.

Mr Ernest Ross (Dunfermline, Lab) What difference is there between America and Israel selling arms to both sides and training personnel from both sides?

Mr Renton: The numbers here have been extremely limited. Their training is essentially non-combat related and is in accordance with the very clear

## IRAN-IRAQ

guidelines first put into effect in December 1984.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) What evidence does he have that training in the use of very sophisticated weapons is taking place by other European countries and in particular France?

Mr Renton: We are not responsible either for training in other countries.

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## RATE SUPPORT

A third set of proposals for calculating rate-support grant to local authorities for next year has been made necessary because the data on which the grant would be based have changed, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said when he answered Opposition criticisms about his change of mind.

Mr John Cunningham, Opposition spokesman on environment, said that the new basis for the grant was the result of a combination of Mr Ridley's ineptitude and of his desire to make a personal play-off to Conservative MPs with marginal seats. A Liberal accused him of gerrymandering, saying that he had introduced a new version of that device - Ridley-mandering.

Mr Ridley, answering Mr Cunningham's request for a statement, said in response to the proposals I made on October 3, and in the light of new information affecting the data on which the grant is distributed, I have today announced revised proposals on which I am consulting local authority associations.

Mr Cunningham: This is an unprecedented situation. No previous secretary of state has ever needed three consultative documents between July and December to mull over his mind. It is an indictment of his incompetence.

It is an indictment of the appalling mess to which the Government has reduced local government finance. Why, when he only made his second proposals in October and gave local authorities barely three weeks to reply, does he now change his mind yet again?

What is the purpose of the proposed changes? Which authorities will benefit? The majority of authorities will lose by the new proposals. The reasons are a combination of his ineptitude and a political pay-off to his Tory friends in marginal seats.

When will he let us know the final decisions? Does he intend to abolish grant recycling which, according to the Treasury and Mr Ridley, will reduce grant to local authorities by at least £400 million next year. The result will be a disaster for many millions of families.

The whole sorry story makes nonsense of the bluster and bravado we had from him in July. Ridley: It is rich of Mr Cunningham to quote precedent when Mr Peter Shore (a former Secretary of State for the Environment) is there. Whenever he made proposals for the

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## COMMENTARY



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Mrs Thatcher is bound to be cheered by the latest opinion poll from MORI published in the *London Standard* on Tuesday. But it may also point to a dilemma that awaits her.

Coming on top of a number of favourable opinion polls last month it provides encouraging evidence for the Conservatives of their reviving fortunes. A lead of only two percentage points over Labour would probably not be enough for an overall majority of seats in a general election. But at this stage in the Government's life it is rather good.

If this trend continues over the next few months it is bound to increase the pressure in the party for a late spring or summer election. It would also increase the sense of public expectation. A pre-election atmosphere would build up unless it was firmly checked.

But I wonder if this would be altogether to Mrs Thatcher's liking. She is by nature more cautious than many people suppose, determined rather than daring. I doubt if she will inductively incline towards an early election.

## Private Tory polls offer no guidance

She needed a good deal of persuasion before agreeing to go to the country in June 1983, a year earlier than she had to, even though the party was particularly well placed.

The private Conservative opinion polls offer further encouragement but no conclusive guidance.

The Government seems to be making some headway in relieving public anxiety on education, though obviously Mrs Thatcher would want the teachers' dispute to be well out of the way before calling an election.

Health is evidently proving a more stubborn political problem. The Conservatives need a little more time to convince the country that the service really is safe in their hands.

These conflicting signs may well suggest that Mrs Thatcher would be wise to wait and see. But if she waits for too long without giving a clear signal she will find that she has put herself into a box.

Political leaders are usually acutely aware of the mistakes of their predecessors. Mrs Thatcher will need no reminding how Mr Callaghan suffered from postponing an election as the last minute in October 1978 after expectations had built up in the party and the country. She will want to avoid giving a similar impression of indecision.

This will present no problem if she decides to go for an election next May or June. Nor will she have much difficulty if she rules that out in the first few months of next year. She could easily dampen expectation in good time by passing the word that an early election was not on the cards.

But it may be difficult to reach such a firm judgement so far in advance if the polls are favourable and party enthusiasm is mounting. With public opinion so liable to fluctuate, much could change in the meantime. I am not thinking particularly of the M15 case. Muddles are not exactly to be recommended for governments, but this excitement will have passed well before the election.

Dilemma facing the leadership

What if Mrs Thatcher none the less concludes that it would be sensible to await the results of the local government elections next May before deciding about the general election? If they were not so encouraging as she might hope, she would then be faced with a choice between going to the polls immediately simply because that was expected or saying no at what would seem to be the last minute.

If she chose the second course she would have to be careful not to give the impression that she had simply shirked the battle. This would mean that she would be all the more likely to emphasize the positive value of waiting, of the Government's seeing its task through. In which case it might then be difficult to make an October election seem natural.

I would therefore draw two conclusions. Although the Government's prospects now look encouraging, Mrs Thatcher would be wise not to allow election expectations to get out of hand. If she does let that happen the election would then be more likely either this summer or in 1988, rather than in October.

## Ministers accused of being apathetic

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government and the electricity supply industry were both accused yesterday of inertia and apathy in failing to promote a pioneering form of energy technology that could double the efficiency of coal-fired power stations.

The accusation, made in a Commons select committee report, will cause considerable embarrassment in Whitehall. At the very moment it was being released, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, was praising the "outstanding success" of the Government's Energy Efficiency Year which ends this month.

The energy select committee's report reviews progress made since the Energy Act, 1983, which, among other things, laid a statutory duty on every electricity board to "adopt and support" joint public and private sector schemes to convert power stations so that heat given off in electricity generation can be tapped.

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## Call for more tax aid for forests

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

A House of Lords committee today comes out strongly in favour of encouraging farmers to plant forests on good quality, but unwanted, farmland, backed up by more generous tax incentives.

Its report supports proposals being considered by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, on finding other uses for the land acceptable to farmers, environmentalists and the Treasury.

But it will not be so welcome with his rivals at the Department of Environment who are worried about the effects of large afforestation schemes.

The committee, chaired by Lord Gallacher, urges an investigation into exempting forestry schemes from capital gains tax. It also criticizes the way the tax exemption scheme does not benefit small farmers, who have to rely on grant aid to plant woodland. But the EEC should also accept some financial responsibility for replacing food crops with forestry, it states.

Present estimates show that British imports about £4,500 million worth of tim-

ber a year - 90 per cent of its needs. The new forests being planted will see that figure drop to about 80 per cent by the end of the century. But 87 per cent of new planting has been in Scotland, mainly of conifers on poor quality land.

The report, which will be debated in the Lords, states: "The committee recognizes that forestry is a potential use for better quality land coming out of agriculture."

"They are sceptical however about the amount of land which will, or indeed should, be planted and whether the emphasis being placed on the use of broadleaves would be economically viable."

Most witnesses told the peers that they favoured the use of better quality land because of the damage caused to upland areas and wildlife, such as the red grouse, by dense plantations. The committee accepted that the habitats of threatened wildlife species also need protection.

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities: Forestry Policy (Stationary Office: £4.60).

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## Life for man who shot and killed gardener with home-made rifle

Three hooded burglars who used crossbows and a home-made rifle during a robbery which left a gardener and a dog dead were yesterday given jail sentences and youth custody.

Terence Clark was found guilty at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, of murdering Mr William Austin, aged 54, and wounding Mrs Ellen Ditcher, aged 76, a widow, with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm, in a robbery at her manor house at Otham, near Maidstone, Kent, in July last year.

He was jailed for life and Mr Justice Saville recommended that he should serve at least 25 years.

His son, Martin, aged 20, and Steve Dougal, aged 21, were found guilty of manslaughter and unlawfully wounding Mrs Ditcher. Martin Clark was sentenced to 10 years' youth custody and Dougal was jailed for 10 years. All three admitted robbery.

Mrs Ditcher was hit by three bullets fired by Terence Clark from a home-made rifle. His son and Dougal were armed with crossbows, which they took along to maim a great dane and two boxer dogs.

The judge praised Mrs Ditcher's bravery and composure. "She is an indomitable

old lady," he said. She was wounded and had been tied up, but she repeatedly asked to be allowed to go and help her mortally wounded gardener.

During the three-week trial the jury was told that the three men, all wearing black hoods, attacked the manor house late at night and kicked in the back door.

Mr Austin was shot by Terence Clark when he came downstairs from his second-floor flat to see what was going on. He bled to death while the robbers searched the house and stole cash, jewellery and antiques worth £6,000.

Terence Clark also shot dead the great dane and Mrs Ditcher, who was wounded, was tied up for more than two hours before she freed herself and went to a neighbour for help.

The three men were also sentenced for robbing a public house a month earlier, which they admitted.

Clark, his son and Dougal tied up Mrs Gwendoline Farmer, aged 49, landlady of The Bull at Darford, Kent, and stole £13,000 worth of jewellery, furs and cash in June 1985.

Mr Justice Saville said: "This involved breaking into premises you knew were occu-

piated by a woman living on her own and threatening violence to her in order to obtain her co-operation in robbing her of her possessions".

Terence Clark, of Longham Copse, near Maidstone, was jailed for 10 years, to run concurrently with his life sentence.

The judge sentenced Martin Clark, of Edenbridge Close, St Mary Cray, Kent, and Dougal, of Coismendene Crescent, St Paul's Cray, Kent, who were both aged 19 at the time, to six years for their part in the Darford robbery, to run concurrent with the manslaughter sentences.

The judge said Terence Clark was a professional burglar who had graduated to armed robbery and he told the two younger men they had taken part in joint enterprises and must take some of the responsibility for the death of Mr Austin.

The judge told Terence Clark: "I accept that when you went into that house you had no idea there was anyone else there apart from Mrs Ditcher."

"But when you did realize this you had no hesitation in using the weapon you were carrying to remove this obstacle to your plan to rob an old lady in her own home."

## King Elvis will rule his tribe from afar

By David Sapsed

King Elvis Johnson-Idan, otherwise Brent council's parks manager, found time to relax yesterday as he prepared for his coronation, later this month, as ruler of 10,000 Fanti tribesmen living on the coastal plains of Ghana, West Africa.

His elevation to the throne has caught both Mr Johnson-Idan and his British-born wife, Queen Elizabeth, a part-time telephoneist, by surprise.

But at their semi-detached home in Camberley, Surrey, yesterday both pledged to take their responsibilities seriously.

Mr Johnson-Idan, aged 36, was nominated as king, or "nana", of part of the Fanti tribe by elders this autumn. "We knew he was of royal blood but we expected one of his four older brothers to be appointed," Mrs Johnson-Idan said.

The coronation will take place at Jukwa, in Ghana, on December 23 but, after that, Mr Idan-Johnson intends to return to his job of looking after Brent's parks and flower beds in north London.

He will, however, visit the tribespeople he left more than a decade ago, at least twice a year. "I shall not rule as a dictator but as head of a group of people deciding tribal affairs," he said.



King Elvis, his wife and daughter, at home yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

## Train hits trailer on crossing

Passengers on a commuter train escaped injury yesterday when it hit a trailer full of cattle fodder on a crossing at Ryhope, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, carrying it 350 yards down the track.

Police praised Mr Geoffrey Wright, aged 21, a farm worker, for his quick thinking in racing down the line waving his arms to warn the driver of the train, the 7.15 from Middlesbrough to Newcastle upon Tyne, carrying about 80 passengers.

His action gave the driver time to brake and slow the train from its usual speed of 60mph.

Northumbria police said: "It seems that without the quick thinking in slowing down the train there could have been serious injuries in the crash."

It is thought that the tractor's wheels had become stuck between the rails of the farm accommodation crossing.

The train came to a halt next to Town Farm, Ryhope, where Mr Wright worked.

The accident came hours after a fire at the farm, owned by Mr Alan Davidson, destroyed a barn and 100 tons of hay. Yesterday firemen were still damping it down.

The crash led to temporary closure of the line, but a single track was reopened later. The train was not seriously damaged.

## Church in favour of state aid

By Clifford Longley  
Religious Affairs  
Correspondent

The Welfare State needs an injection of new vision and idealism to protect it from being dismantled in the name of right-wing beliefs, a Church of England report declares today.

Christians cannot accept an individualistic philosophy which demands that everyone should stand on their own feet, it states.

The report, which is expected to be debated by the General Synod in February, is the result of a church working party set up to consider the theological basis for church endorsement of the theory of the Welfare State.

It argues that the poor "are a living reminder to the rest of society of its fallibility and weakness. Extremes of wealth and poverty are a consequence of sin, and witness to the conscious or unconscious capacity for injustice of the rich and powerful, and the consequent disintegration of society."

Christians had also to be concerned at the present division in society, the report states. They could not approve a system which allowed a large minority of the population to live at a level which sank lower and lower in comparison with the wage-earning majority.

"The grim facts of gross inequality between the very rich and the poor is not just a social misfortune but a social evil."

## Mother and child die in 100ft fall

Miss Tina Leadbetter, aged 26, of Bleichley, Milton Keynes, an unmarried mother, and her child, aged one, fell more than 100 feet to their deaths yesterday.

The mother died instantly and her daughter three hours later in hospital.

Miss Leadbetter is said to have been depressed about the possibility of social services staff taking her child into care.

## Jasmine officer in job appeal

Mrs Diane Dietmann, a senior social worker who was dismissed for alleged "gross misconduct" in the handling of the Jasmine Beckford case, asked a High Court judge for her job back yesterday.

In a sworn statement read to Mr Justice Hodgson she said that she was "shocked and stunned" when Brent social services dismissed her in December last year after an inquiry report.

Mr John Hendy, counsel for Mrs Dietmann, said that there was no hearing for her to defend the report's allegation of gross negligence against her, before the social services committee accepted the recommendation to dismiss her.

She is suing for a declaration that her dismissal was invalid, void and of no effect, and an injunction restraining her, or alternatively, damages for wrongful dismissal.

Jasmine Beckford, aged four, died in July 1984, after being tortured and starved by her parents, who were later jailed. A report criticized the social services.

Mr Hendy said that although for the purposes of the action Mrs Dietmann was prepared to accept the findings of the report, the allegations against her had always been denied. She would deny them "strenuously" in the future.

He said the vital matter to be decided was whether her contract of employment allowed her to be dismissed without notice for gross misconduct when the allegation against her was gross negligence.

Mrs Dietmann, of Tudor Well Close, Stanmore, north London, alleges that the terms of her employment cannot be extended that far and that instant dismissal is restricted to cases of criminal acts or intent.

In her statement Mrs Dietmann said that the way the decision was taken was a flagrant breach of her terms of employment, the rules of natural justice and her employer's duty to act reasonably.

Brent are defending the claim, and deny any breach of contract.

The hearing continues.

## Police dispute claim by Ripper victim's mother

West Yorkshire Police challenged yesterday the "enormous and vast" duty of care which a court is being asked to impose on them by the mother of the Yorkshire Ripper's last victim.

Mrs Doreen Hill, aged 52, of Leatholm Crescent, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, claims that her daughter Jacqueline would be alive today if the police had not failed in their duty to catch Peter Sutcliffe before she became his thirteenth victim.

But Mr Alan Rawley, QC, for Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, told the Court of Appeal that if Mrs Hill was right, the police would have owed a duty of care to any unaccompanied woman in the proximity of Sutcliffe when he was in a "murderous mood", wherever he might have been at the time.

Mr Rawley said: "Indeed, Sutcliffe was arrested in a car in Sheffield, which is outside the West Yorkshire Police area."

"If you can't limit it in terms of geographical area, do you say the duty of care

extends and is owed to any unaccompanied woman wherever Peter Sutcliffe may be?"

"How far do you go out of the area of the West Yorkshire Police? To London? To the Home Counties? Abroad? The other side of the world if Sutcliffe chose to emigrate because he thought things were getting too hot for him here but wished to continue with his career of murder?"

"One is faced with a duty which, if it exists, would be of an enormous and vast type."

Jacqueline Hill, aged 20, was murdered in November, 1980 while walking from a bus stop to her hall of residence at Leeds University.

Her mother is appealing against a High Court ruling which blocked her bid to sue the police for damages.

Last December, Sir Neil Lawson ruled that she could not establish that the police owed a special duty of care to her daughter.

The appeal hearing, before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Goff and Sir Kenneth Gibson, continues.

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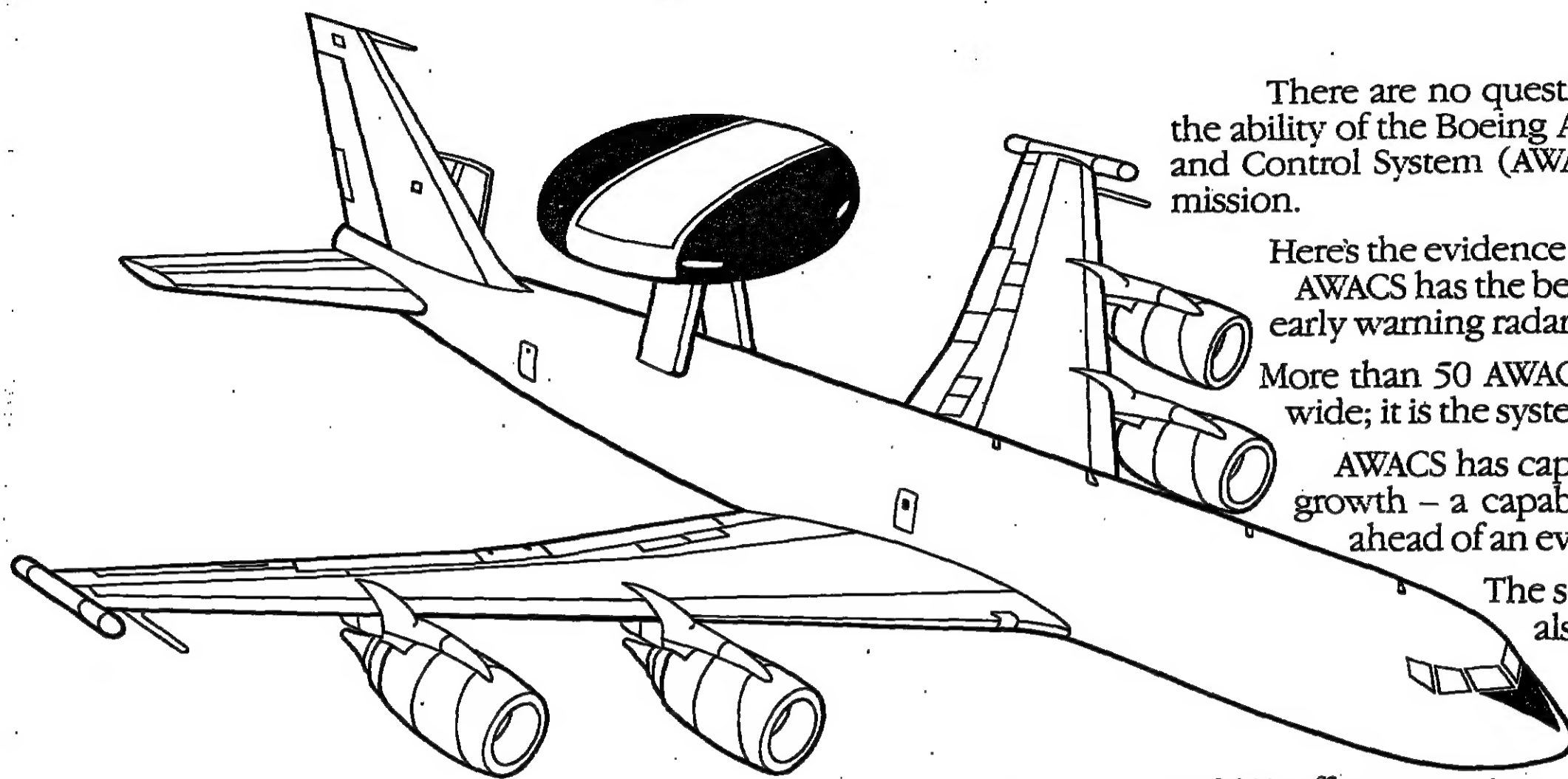
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## MPs criticize Inland Revenue 'failure' over mortgage relief

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Inland Revenue is sharply criticized for "lack of foresight" in a report by MPs published yesterday.

The main complaint is that it failed to foresee that Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (MIRAS) would lead to a £2.25 billion increase in government tax relief expenditure in the two years after its introduction in 1983.

The report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee says the effect of MIRAS was to make low-cost endowment mortgages, which attract greater tax relief than repayment mortgages, much more competitive.

The proportion of endowment mortgages more than doubled, from 25 per cent of new mortgages, and the total value of mortgage interest relief rose from £2.5 billion to £4.75 billion.

The report says that the committee found it difficult to believe the Inland Revenue's claim that the increased popularity of endowment mortgages accounted for less than £100 million of this increase.

"We are surprised that the Inland Revenue did not foresee the increased attractiveness of endowment mortgages," it says.

Alarmed by the "open-ended nature" of the Government's tax relief commitment, the report recommends that mortgage tax relief should be subject "to similar standards of monitoring and control" as other demand-led expenditure approved by Parliament, such as supplementary benefit.

The report also challenges the Inland Revenue to justify the present system whereby two single people buying a property jointly can each take out £30,000 mortgages and claim tax relief, whereas married couples are restricted to relief on just one £30,000 mortgage.

The Inland Revenue said it was a loophole rather than a policy, but the report says: "It seems to us an anomaly which is unfavourable to married couples. We therefore suggest that if it is to be retained, the policy objective which underlies it should be made clear."

It goes on to question the efficiency of Inland Revenue's efforts to prevent fraudulent tax relief claims, not only on mortgages but also on life assurance policies.

The committee is "disturbed" that 93 companies have so far been identified by the Inland Revenue as "failing to permit a straight-

forward verification of reimbursement claims", and "concerned at the potential number of still unidentified cases". It urges a speeding up of the eight-year cycle of control visits.

It also questions the Inland Revenue's reluctance to ask for receipts to back up claims for tax relief on home improvement loans.

The Comptroller and Auditor General had suggested such a course, and "it seems to us that this would be a simple exercise in corroboration", the report says.

Both MIRAS and Lapras (Life Assurance Premium Relief at Source) were introduced mainly to cut staff. The report notes that the Inland Revenue achieved 3,000 reductions, although it was unable to say whether the job losses corresponded to the actual work saved in practice.

The committee concludes that it is "fundamental to good management" that job losses should correspond to work saved, and calls for improvements.

Fifty-second report of the Committee of Public Accounts: Life Assurance Premium Relief and Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (Stationery Office, £3.10).



Winning smiles yesterday from Bobby Davro, voted most popular professional comedian in a poll run by TV-am's *Good Morning Britain*, and Miss Rene Tully, aged 58, a London traffic warden who was named the Funniest Person in Britain (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

## Pupils plant for posterity

By Ian Smith

Children at a village primary school near Barnsley made their own contribution to history yesterday by launching a pilot project to protect the environment for future generations.

The £60,000 scheme was officially launched when youngsters at Fildes School started planting 1,050 trees on

their playing fields. As the vegetation grows it will blend with adjoining school areas earmarked for a wildlife meadow and butterfly garden.

The Community Action in Rural Environment scheme (CARE) will run for three years and will be funded by the Countryside Commission, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Peak Park Joint Planning Board and seven parish councils.

The scheme is designed to encourage care and understanding for the local countryside by involving the community. An independent evaluation of its success will be made by Bradford University.

It realizes, however, that it has still to convince some sceptical senior air force officers that the system will work and meet all their requirements now many of the original faults have been ironed out.

## Nimrod or Awacs decision expected before Christmas

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

The final recommendation on which aircraft will provide the next generation of airborne early warning radar, the homegrown Nimrod or the American Boeing E-3 Awacs, will be made at a meeting of Civil Servants and technical experts today.

Members of the Ministry of Defence's Equipment Policy Committee, which includes representatives from the Treasury and Foreign Office, are expected to prepare a paper outlining their decision, which Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, will study over the weekend.

Mr Younger is expected to review the committee's recommendation with Lord Trefgarne, the Defence Procurement Minister. The Government will probably announce its decision before Christmas.

GEC argues that the Nimrod system is cheaper, specifically designed for UK tasks and that the first three aircraft could be with the RAF by next autumn.

It realizes, however, that it has still to convince some sceptical senior air force officers that the system will work and meet all their requirements now many of the original faults have been ironed out.

A decision against Nimrod

will virtually write off the £900 million of taxpayers money already spent, mean instant redundancy for 2,500 staff employed on the project at GEC and associated companies and effectively end hopes of up to £2 billion of export deals with the avionics system of the aircraft.

GEC has recently been running an expensive advertising campaign arguing that while both aircraft will defend Britain, only Nimrod will defend British industry. Some observers have interpreted that as a sign that the company may be worried the decision is slipping away from it.

Boeing, which has the advantages of a system that is already operational and of proven capabilities, has countered the employment argument by offering an unprecedented 130 per cent of offset work for UK companies which, it claims, will create 8,000 jobs over the eight years of the programme.

But it will not be able to supply the first aircraft for three years although it is understood to have suggested to the MoD that three Awacs on loan from the USAF to Saudi Arabia, pending delivery of its own aircraft, could be made available to bridge the gap.

### In the EEC chair: 4

## Tenacity has bred qualified success

In the final part of his review of Britain's six months leadership of the EEC, Robin Oakley, Political Editor, assesses the successes and failures.

On the big eye-catching issues, Britain's presidency of the Common Market cannot be called an unqualified success.

In September 1984, the EEC partners agreed: "If one partner suffers serious terrorist activity involving the abuse of diplomatic immunity, the partners will be ready to consider common action in response."

When, in October this year, Britain presented those partners with a dossier of evidence of the Syrian Embassy's involvement in the Hindawi plot to blow up an El-Al airliner, it called for a ban on arms sales, a limitation of Syrian Embassy activities, a curb on visits by Syrian delegations and a freeze on EEC aid.

The response was lukewarm. Only six of the 12 foreign ministers turned up in person, with the French and German foreign secretaries preferring a night at the opera. It was, Sir Geoffrey Howe said: "A less adequate signal to Syria than we would have wished."

But if ever there was an institution where the motto is "if at first you don't succeed... it is the EEC. And if ever there was a minister temperamentally suited to trying and trying again it is Sir Geoffrey. We used our veto on aid to Syria.

We kept up the barrage and, on November 10, he got his package of measures, with only Greece opting out.

A package of sanctions against South Africa was achieved in the end, though a somewhat token one. And Sir Geoffrey's two miserable visits to Southern Africa as spokesman of the EEC did not provoke claims that he was not articulating the European voice, so far as it could be heard.

Sir Geoffrey's quiet resolution in the threatened trade war with the United States has won us grudging respect for being more Community-minded than we were.

In the battles over US grain imports, the pasta and citrus disputes, the counter-threats by America to curb imports of whisky, brandy and special steels, Sir Geoffrey left no doubt of his sincerity in the

belief that Europe "must demonstrate its ability to match measure with counter-measure".

On the grand stage issues, Europe's performance is still a poor one, but it has been no worse under the British presidency. On the smaller practicalities of political co-operation, there has been progress, notably in the moves by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to stiffen Europe's borders against terrorists and to step up the war against drug traffickers.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, sums up Britain's aims thus: "The only barriers we want to see are those against terrorism. The only protectionism we want is that directed against drugs."

There is no doubt that Britain and her partners are reaching for the phone more often and are thinking instinctively towards EEC rather than national solutions to problems.

The key to the comparative British success is that we are working not in isolation but as part of a three-presidency rolling programme, linked with the Dutch, who preceded us, and the Belgians who follow.

We have learned that you win more battles in Europe by squaring your opponents in advance, and that you judge your results in the medium and long term as well as in immediate benefits.

Change lies ahead, with majority voting, which will stop single states blocking progress for ever on a technical, protectionist point. As Mrs Chalker says: "Already, we as president are using the onset of the Single European Act to try to persuade the legates that it is better to negotiate a compromise now than to be out-voted later."

Sir Geoffrey Howe reflected at the outset: "The real test of any presidency is how well it keeps business moving along."

Whether Mrs Thatcher wins all 13 points of the package she is hoping for at the European Summit this weekend or only six, it is clear that Britain has not only kept the business moving but actually increased the momentum.

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## Threat to sue over PC's death

The Police Federation may take legal action against Stoke Trent City Council after the death of Police Constable John Taylor, who fell to his death from a seven-storey block of flats 11 days ago.

Photographs of the stairway window, which gave way while PC Taylor was grappling with a suspect, have been forwarded to legal experts.

PC Taylor, who lived at Westbury Park, Newcastle West, died when the window gave way and he fell 50ft to his death. A Birmingham man has been charged with his murder.

The funeral of the policeman, who was aged 26, will be held in Stoke this morning.

## Reply by judge to sexist jibe

The judge dubbed "a sexist" by a woman motorist defended himself yesterday.

Judge Anthony Goodall, aged 70, hit the headlines after advising Mrs Wendy Birch, aged 37, a teacher, to "switch on the charm" with policemen to avoid prosecution.

The judge, speaking during a lunch adjournment at Exeter Crown Court, said: "The object of my remark was to point out to Mrs Birch how stupid it was to be rude to the police."

He infuriated Mrs Birch on Tuesday after she successfully appealed against a conviction for driving without insurance. She was unsuccessful in appeals against convictions for speeding and failing to produce a driving licence.



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Plot to kidn

A plot to kidnap the British Ambassador in Jordan, an order to execute him for arrested membership in the Nidal terrorist organization, has been uncovered, police intelligence sources say. The two men, Mr. and Mrs. Adnan Mousa, a Jordanian super-bass interpreter in Ankara, are among nine people who have been indicted over the killing of Mr. Zuhair al-Sayid, the First Secretary at the Jordanian Embassy in July last year.

According to the sources, both men have made long statements which include valuable information about Syrian intelligence activities in Turkey, connected to the Nidal organization.

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# Kinnock warns US bid to block anti-nuclear policy could backfire

From Robin Oakley, Political Editor, Washington

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has warned America that any attempt to pressurize a Labour government, which would be committed to a policy of closing down US nuclear bases in Britain, could have dire consequences for its worldwide intelligence network.

After his Harvard defence speech, Mr Kinnock recalled how America had taken reprisals against New Zealand following the refusal of its Labour Government to admit US nuclear vessels into the country's ports.

The US withdrawal of co-operation in the Anzus defence pact had lost it a very small part of its intelligence communications and armour in the South Pacific, he said.

He warned that any similar reprisals against a British Labour government would be a "giant act of cutting off nose to spite face" which would result in a significant loss of intelligence and communication facilities safeguarding the domestic security of the US.

Mr Kinnock added: "I would not respond to antagonism from the USA in that way, because I believe in the defence of the USA. But it would be a temptation for other governments or for public sentiment in Britain - which I think can be restrained, but it is there."

Mr Kinnock's oblique warning reflects Labour's confidence that it has plenty to bargain with to counter any American temptation to pressure a Labour government by economic or other means to reverse its unilateralist policies.

The Labour leader is being careful not to use the language of direct confrontation while at the same time making clear his bargaining position.

He believes that the installations on British territory are critical to America's domestic defence and intelligence needs, as well as to the Nato alliance.

Reprisals against Britain, Mr Kinnock warned, would result in the loss of essential facilities "in Europe, in the Indian Ocean, in the Mediterranean and in the Far East".

The 135 US military facilities in Britain include 25 main bases and headquarters, 35 minor and reserve bases and 75 other installations.

Britain makes available to the US the early-warning site at Fylingdales, a submarine watching station in Pembrokeshire, and a range of other communications and intelligence facilities, such as those at Cheltenham GCHQ, at Edzell in Scotland, at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, in Cyprus and in Hong Kong.

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## Canadian Liberals swing to the left

From John Best, Ottawa

The Liberal Party of Canada, which stands a good chance of forming the government within about two years, has taken a sharp tilt to the left on questions of foreign and defence policy.

Delegates to a weekend Liberal convention here voted to make Canada a nuclear-weapon-free zone and to stop the testing of American cruise missiles in Canadian airspace.

They favoured a superpower nuclear weapons freeze and a comprehensive nuclear test ban, and came out against Canadian involvement in the President Reagan's Star Wars programme.

They defeated a resolution calling for Canadian "non-alignment", but approved a series of other resolutions which would have the effect of subordinating Canada-US defence co-operation to the priority of safeguarding Canadian sovereignty, especially in the Arctic theatre.

The shift to the left by the Liberals - who were in power until September 1984 - is reminiscent of the leftward swing of the British Labour Party since it has been out of office.

It presents a difficult dilemma for Mr John Turner, who won a resounding vote of confidence from the convention as party leader, but now has to decide how to play the resolutions in preparing the Liberal election platform. The next election is expected in 1988.

The Liberals are a middle-of-the-road party and Mr Turner, aged 57, is in that tradition, with a slight bias to the right of centre.

The Opposition leader takes seriously Canada's responsibility to Nato - this country, under a Liberal government, helped to found the alliance in 1949 - and to collective defence generally.

Mr Turner told a post-convention press conference that he found the resolutions "highly persuasive".

It was a Liberal government which in 1983 entered into a highly controversial, five-year agreement with the Americans permitting experimental flights of unarmed Air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs) over northern Canada.

The present Conservative Government, citing alliance obligations, has pledged to abide by the accord, while condemning the recent US breakout from the strategic weapons ceilings imposed by the American-Soviet Salt II treaty.

The US action has exposed the Tories to considerable opposition ridicule, since it was precisely in the area of ALCMS that the US breakout occurred.

## Europeans review defences

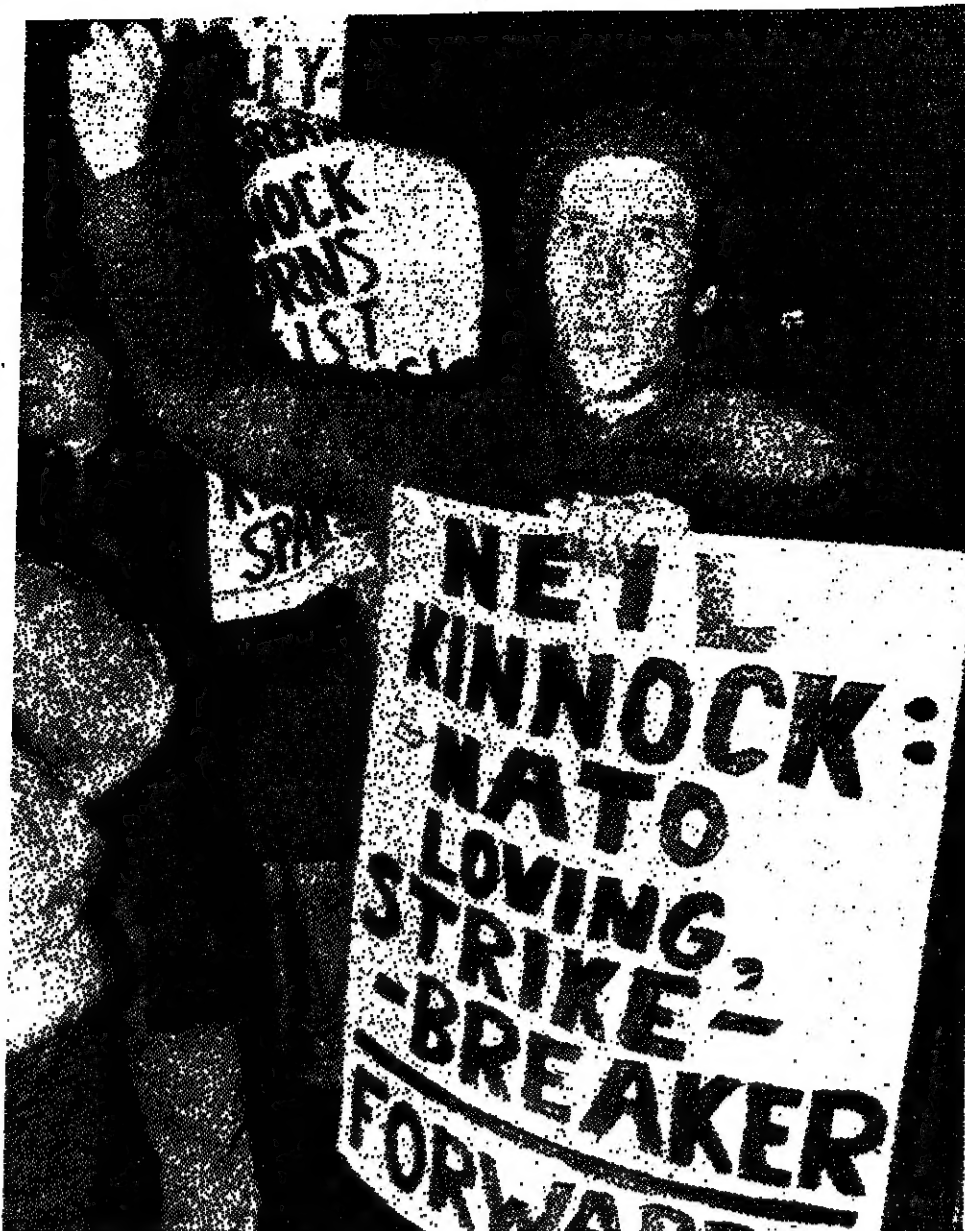
Brussels (Reuters) - European Nato defence ministers met yesterday to review conventional forces and armaments co-operation, issues that officials said had taken on added significance after the Reykjavik summit.

Ministers and deputies from 12 member states of the alliance's Eurogroup - all the European allies barring France and Iceland - gathered as Western governments show increasing concern over what they see as the Soviet bloc's superior strength in conventional forces.

Nato diplomats expected the ministers, who were due to have further informal talks last night, also to discuss the US breach last week of the Salt 2 superpower treaty limiting strategic arms, a move condemned by virtually all the allies.

The Europeans seemed certain to voice their disapproval when they meet the American Secretary of Defence, Mr Caspar Weinberger, today, though US officials regard the breach of Salt 2 as a dead issue.

Alliance limitations in conventional strength compared with that of the Warsaw Pact have suddenly started preoccupying the Europeans as they envisage a future with reduced reliance on American nuclear weapons.



Even in the US, Mr Neil Kinnock cannot escape the militants of the extreme left: British members of the Spartacist League were protesting against him at Harvard yesterday.

## Churches fight sex education

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A battle against compulsory sex education in New York City's 922 schools will be launched from the pulpit on Sunday, pitching the churches into an intensely emotional encounter with City Hall.

In a city renowned for every kind of prurience, the debate until now has been peculiarly sombre, as though parents have been embarrassed to find their children's sex lives under such scrutiny.

But the debate has finally burst into a passionate row. Opponents of sex education have been further outraged to discover that, without their knowledge, the Board of Education quietly voted to permit school-based health clinics to prescribe contraceptives for a six-month period, ending next April. The vote was 5-2.

If that was not enough it also became known that the clinics have, in any case, been prescribing contraceptives for well over a year under "comprehensive health care" programmes. The idea for school-

based health clinics stemmed from a 1984 initiative to provide care to teenagers who did not have access to private physicians.

There are now 12 clinics, which say that only 10 per cent of their services are sexually related. At two of the clinics contraceptives, and not just prescriptions, were dispensed. They argue that the statistics prove that teenage girls who have access to contraceptives and counselling at school clinics are less likely to get pregnant.

The Board of Education last month ordered that sex education be given from September, 1987. Besides the argument about the issue in general, there is also disagreement about the curriculum. One book, *Learning About Sex: The Contemporary Guide for Young Adults*, has already been removed because it states, in obvious error, that anal intercourse is not medically dangerous. The edition was produced in 1977, long before the Aids crisis.

The error was pointed out by a lawyer who works for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York. A coalition of church leaders has been formed by the archdiocese, including members of other faiths, to begin campaigning against the curriculum during Sunday services.

High schools will be free to pick and choose what they want from the curriculum. Private surveys have shown that it is out of date and incomplete.

Several organizations that support the course admit that bungling in preparation of the curriculum has been embarrassing. "There are some holes," Planned Parenthood said, "but think what it was like before this mandate. Some children were getting no information."

More than one million American girls aged 10-19 (about one in 10) become pregnant each year, one of the highest rates of any developed country.

## South African house raids

### White opponents of conscription seized by police

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African security police have arrested at least 13 white campaigners against military conscription in raids on homes in Johannesburg and Cape Town. They are being held under the emergency regulations.

Twelve other members of the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) were briefly detained and then released after being served with orders restricting their activities. A number of other political activists were also restricted.

The ECC's national secretary, Mr David Shandler, described the police action on Tuesday night as "grossly counter-productive to finding solutions to the problems in our country".

He said that 60 of the organization's members had been detained during the state of emergency. None had yet been charged.

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference said it could only "question yet again the motives of the South African Government in silencing voices of peace".

It fully supported "the ECC's aim to demilitarize our society". Seven of those arrested are Catholics.

Among those detained were Miss Clare Verbeek and Miss Paula Hathorn, chairmen of the ECC's Johannesburg and Cape Town branches, and Steven Lorry, its national treasurer. Johannesburg ECC members were arrested while attending a regular fortnightly meeting.

Other activists restricted, together with ECC campaigners, included Mr Azhar Cachalia, the national treasurer of the United Democratic Front; Mr Ashwin Shah of the Transvaal Indian Congress; and Mrs Dawn Ingles of the Black Sash, the civil rights group run by white women.

They are prohibited from campaigning for an end to conscription; for the removal of troops from black townships; for the release of detainees; for an end to the state of emergency; and for the lifting of the ban on the African National Congress.

The restriction orders also forbid participation in the ECC's yellow ribbon campaign, in which the organization, banned under the state of emergency from openly opposing military service, has tried to publicize its cause by encouraging sympathizers to tie ribbons to trees and lamp-posts.

The ECC was formed about three years ago and enjoys considerable support on university campuses.

The issue of military service has been sharpened by the large-scale use over the past two years of white conscripts to suppress unrest in black townships.

Official sensitivity was reflected earlier this year when the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, refused to give Parliament the number of young whites who failed to report for military duty, saying the information could be "misused".

It is estimated that there are about 7,000 draft evaders living in Europe and America. Under South African law, all white males between 18 and 25 must do two years' military service, and are liable to be called up for another 720 days of periodic camps over a period of years.

The scope for conscientious objection is limited. Under an amendment to the Defence Act earlier this year, objectors must convince a specially convened board that their attitude is dictated by their belief in God or a supreme being.

Those accepted as conscientious objectors have to perform alternative community service.

## Fraga tries to explain resignation

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Manuel Fraga gave an explanation to members of his right wing group in the Spanish Parliament yesterday on why he has resigned "irrevocably" from leading the Opposition before taking a seat among his backbenchers.

To emphasize his resolve taken in the wake of election defeats, Señor Fraga, aged 64, declined to answer parliamentary reporters' questions.

Señor Fraga said: "Gentlemen, I am not going to speak any more as spokesman for the party or to make general observations on policy to you." He has indicated that he wishes to stay in public life for the rest of the present Parliament, elected in June.

But while the hard political facts explain the situation and many of the contenders for Señor Fraga's place began their behind-the-scenes manoeuvring, many of the party faithful evidently still cherish the idea of persuading Señor Fraga to return.

The MPs accepted his resignation yesterday as chairman of the Popular Alliance Party which now numbers only 68, plus the 12 still faithful MPs of the right-wing Liberal Party.

Señor José Segurado, its chairman and a Madrid businessman, has taken over temporarily as head of the parliamentary group.

At the June general election Señor Fraga's right-wing coalition mustered 105 seats against the Socialists' 192.

Señor Gerardo Fernández, chief minister in Galicia, has assumed a caretaker role as Popular Alliance chairman.

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## Aquino demotes minister

From David Watts, Manila

A leading left-wing member of President Aquino's Government has been dismissed, the third minister to go in the continuing series of changes.

But though Mr Aquino Pimentel loses his position as Minister of Local Government, he will retain Cabinet rank as an adviser on national affairs.

His place is taken by Mr Jaime Ferrer, who is well known in Philippine politics for his resistance to martial law when it was introduced by President Ferdinand Marcos in 1972. Mr Ferrer was in the now defunct Parliament representing an anti-Marcos party.

The President's spokesman said that two ministers were to be replaced in yesterday's announcement.

The single change is raising speculation that either Mrs Aquino is having difficulty finding replacements for the ministers she must dismiss or is unwilling to go through with all of the changes that the military has been demanding.

Mrs Aquino said she would announce further changes later, and Mr Augusto Sanchez, the Minister of Labour, said he believed that he would be dismissed soon.

Mr Pimentel, who is from the southern island of Mindanao, said as he left the Malacanang Palace: "The pressure was too much to bear. There appears to be a call for blood. It might as well be my blood and not hers."

The calls, he said, came from Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Defence Minister, who was himself dismissed nine days ago, and General Fidel Ramos, Chief of Staff of the armed forces.

## Paris terror suspect threatens judges

Paris (Reuters) - One of the accused in the murder trial of alleged Action Directe urban guerrillas yesterday refused to recognize the Assize Court and threatened reprisals against the judges and jury.

Régis Schleicher, aged 29, believed by police to be a founder of the extreme-left group, declared as the trial began amid massive security precautions: "I do not recognize that this court has any right to judge me. All those sitting here will expose themselves to the rigours of proletarian justice."

He then asked the presiding judge: "I would like to know how long you are going to protect them?"

M Schleicher is on trial with two brothers for the killing of two plain-clothes policemen in Paris on May 31 1983.

The hearing was scheduled to last 10 days. It began just two weeks after Action Directe admitted the murder of Georges Besse, the Renault chief.

Justice sources said the minimum quota of 23 potential jurors among the 35 selected for each assize session had been found only just before the hearing opened. The final jury will be composed of seven men and two women.

Of the 46 witnesses called to attend the opening session, only 23 turned up.

Police marksmen and sniffer dogs were on duty around the courthouse near Notre Dame cathedral as guards with metal detectors searched public and press entering the security perimeter. Justice sources said special protection had been arranged for judges, key witnesses and jurors.

Action Directe, which began operations in 1979 and now has close links with similar groups in West Germany, Italy and Belgium. It has claimed responsibility for 45 bombings over the past three years, two murders and two assassination attempts.

The other two accused are Claude Halphen, aged 30, and his brother Nicolas, aged 23. Claude is charged with M Schleicher with murder and attempted murder, and Nicolas is accused of complicity.

## When Cuomo does not sleep, neither do reporters

### New York governor takes on the press

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The ill-tempered Mr Mario Cuomo, whose backaches have made big news as the possible source of his celebrated outbursts against the press, has taken to blasting journalists to their faces and, just as frequently, behind their backs to their editors.

"Spoiled" and "incompetent" are popular words in his tirades.

The battle between Mr Cuomo and the press is regarded by most journalists as a demonstration of the New York Governor's extraordinary sensitivity to criticism. He telephones editors day and night, and one evening recently called a New York Times reporter at home to complain bitterly about an article.

"You set out to hurt me and you succeeded. I hope you sleep well," he said. The next morning he phoned back to ask forgiveness for "an old man with a bad back".



Governor Cuomo, leading against editors.

The Daily News, the New York Post and the New York Times have been accused by Mr Cuomo of collusion against him on certain issues.

He described them as a "cabal". He said he had been set up by an editor of the Daily News who had printed comments made in a private conversation.

"They will never get another call from me," he raged. "They can call me from a burning building and say: 'You are the captain of the Fire Department', and they will have to learn to fly."

Some journalists wrote that his aggressive campaign for re-election as Governor last month was overkill. Although clearly assured of victory, reporters said he wanted victory by a historic margin.

In a meeting with reporters it was suggested to him that his campaign made him look bad. "Let's get it clear," he retorted. "It did not make me look bad. You made me look bad."

A sure way of guaranteeing a Cuomo outburst is to suggest, as many repeatedly do, that his son Michael's New York law firm might have profited indirectly through his being governor.

Mr Michael Cuomo, aged 28, is not exactly a favourite of the New York press corps. When a reporter wrote an unfavourable story about the

Cuomo administration earlier this year, Mr Michael Cuomo ensured that a rival reporter was given a scoop. "When you cut, you bleed," he explained.

Mr Michael Cuomo is the key insider in a tight circle that advises the governor on political strategy. A large number of advisers have been brought in to rebut criticism that the governor is too insular, but it is clear that none of them has really gained access to the inner circle.

Most of New York's newspapers endorsed Mr Cuomo in his re-election bid, but criticized his personality and his apparent sensitivity - to which Mr Cuomo replied that the press was too thin-skinned and could not take criticism.

In a recent speech on press freedom he said it was organizations, not individuals, that curbed their abuses. "The Supreme Court will get you in the end." He threatened to reduce reporters' access to him, noting: "It's about time the press office did some work."

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# Judges confirm death sentences on Sikh killers of Mrs Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

With the Indian capital returning yesterday to normal after the spasm of violence during the past two days, three High Court judges rejected the appeals of the three Sikhs who conspired to assassinate Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The anti-Sikh mobs were restrained, and the curfew which had been imposed in the Old City was lifted for two hours as Mr Justice Ranganatha read the portion of the judgement which confirmed the death sentence to be carried out on Satwant Singh, the young police constable who emptied his Sten gun into the Prime Minister on October 31 1984, and his co-conspirators.

Extreme security measures were in force in the court as the judges filed in. Metal detectors guarded the doors, and large numbers of lawyers and journalists scurried outside trying to gain entrance while the two-minute hearing went on.

The judges spoke from behind a screen of bulletproof glass, and the court room was searched thoroughly by a spe-

cial security squad of Delhi police.

The three judges' statement runs for 643 pages and begins by describing the murder of Mrs Gandhi as "perhaps the most gruesome" of the assassinations of public figures this century.

They rejected the notion that hurt religious feelings provided an extenuating circumstance after the Army's seizure of the Golden Temple of Amritsar ordered by Mrs Gandhi. They also rejected the defence contention that the position of the victim as Prime Minister should not be taken into consideration.

In addition, the judges recalled the days of rioting that followed Mrs Gandhi's death and insisted: "Not only did the assassins kill Mrs Gandhi but they were also responsible for triggering off riots resulting in loss of property and people."

The High Court bench began the appeal proceedings in February soon after the end of the trial.

The other two accused were Balbir Singh, a police inspector, and Kehar Singh, an uncle

of Satwant. They still have the option of a further appeal to the country's Supreme Court.

At the end of the hearing, Mr Ranganatha also directed that the clothing that Mrs Gandhi was wearing on the day she was shot should be handed over to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust for preservation.

Meanwhile, Mrs Gandhi's son and successor, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, discussed the present upsurge of terrorist killing in Punjab with leaders of the parliamentary opposition parties. Not unnaturally, they failed to agree on what to do next, particularly since Mr Gandhi was unable to give much information about what his Government had in mind.

The Opposition leaders themselves were divided on the need for imposing presidential rule once more on the state, most parties firmly opposing the idea. Two, the Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, and the Lok Dal which has a powerful presence in neighbouring Haryana, saw no harm in it.

# Broader powers for Moi approved

From A Correspondent Nairobi

President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya has increased his executive authority significantly as a result of constitutional amendments passed by Parliament earlier this week.

In a vote of 131 to 0, the National Assembly agreed to a Bill which Kenya's Attorney-General, Mr Justice Mathew Muli, said would "streamline" the Constitution.

In practice, the new legislation will remove certain obstacles which President Moi sees as delaying implementation of important government programmes.

One of the main changes in the Constitution is the abolition of the post of Chief Secretary, giving way to a head of the Civil Service with diminished powers. This should affect the successor to the present Chief Secretary, Mr Simeon Nyachae, who retires in February.

The post of Chief Secretary was itself created by an amendment to the Constitution in 1982. Although Mr Nyachae is a trusted confidant of President Moi, there has been a feeling that some senior civil servants have been using the established procedure of obtaining prior approval from the Chief Secretary for all kinds of decisions as an excuse for delaying implementation of some programmes.

Observers recall that, when the Chief Secretary's post was introduced, it was used by the now disgraced Kiliany politician, Mr Charles Njonjo, then Attorney-General, to help build up a rival power base to the presidency.

One of the most ardent supporters of the new legislation debated in the National Assembly this week was Mr Peter Omondi, the Labour Minister in Mr Moi's Cabinet. Speaking in Parliament in 1983, a year after the post of Chief Secretary had been established, he accused Mr Njonjo of "sneaking in" his ally, Mr Jeremiah Kiereini, into this key post, while Mr Omondi was not realizing the implications of what they were doing.

Pointing out that, as the amendment creating the post had been tagged on to a Bill to create Kenya as a *de jure* one-party state, Mr Omondi said that for any MP to have queried the new post would have been seen as opposing the one-party state "due to the political climate at that time".

Besides the abolition of the Chief Secretary's post, the new legislation will enable President Moi to remove from office an attorney-general or an auditor-general like any other civil servant, as they no longer have their security of tenure guaranteed.

# THE ARTS 1

## Refusing to be too sensible

Peter Ormrod, director of *Eat The Peach* which opens in London this week, broke all the rules for cinematic success.

Interview by Simon Banner

"I think I broke the record for a fight to Cannes," explains Peter Ormrod, film director, standing beside the rickety-looking biplane which took him to the festival, though, but for the slower, because it took five days. Those who travelled more conventionally and more speedily, however, were denied not only the pleasure of flying a part of the way in formation with a flock of flamingoes (bound for the Camargue rather than the film festival), but, once in Cannes itself, the promotional possibilities offered by a light aircraft as well.

Flying low over the beach each day in a biplane, emblazoned with the title of his new movie, *Eat The Peach*, was obviously not a bad way of grabbing some attention, and the Irish-made movie premiered to a packed house, while more than 100 people had to be turned away.

We should not, however, expect any aerial stunts as a prelude to the release of *Eat The Peach*, which opens at the Plaza this week. For one thing, the plane is currently grounded following an unfortunate and unexplained landing in a field of garlic, and, anyway, the director says, "I really believe that whatever the hype, you can't fill a cinema unless a film is good."

At *Eat The Peach*, a wryly-told story of strange goings on somewhere in the middle of rural Ireland, is one of the best comedies of the year.

Ormrod co-wrote as well as directed the film and clearly his heroes are two men very much after his own heart. These particular desperadoes risk life and limb by building a fairground wall of death in their back garden, but it could equally well, one feels, have been a biplane. "Well, yes," Ormrod says, "what I like about them and their enterprise is that they refuse to be too sensible. Being sensible is a dreadful thing, don't you think? But the great thing about them building this wall of death, is the obvious relationship between the desperation they feel and the desperate nature of the ven-



Grabbing attention: Peter Ormrod in front of the rickety biplane which took him to Cannes

ture. They're stuck without cash, or much else for that matter, but long for some sort of opportunity to escape the limitations of their lives, and that's what the film is about: having the courage to grasp opportunities."

Like all the most improbable stories, the one at the centre of *Eat The Peach* is true, and dates, as the director explains, from the days when he first arrived in Ireland from England and went to work as a producer-director for RTE. "I was attached to a magazine programme," he recalls, "and I used to get sent all over the place digging out stories. One assignment was to go to the Midlands of Ireland, where, to be honest, there wasn't a lot happening."

"But then I went out driving one morning, and in the most unlikely setting I came across this huge, 60 foot high barrel, which looked like a gasometer and turned out to be a home-made wall of death. The man who had built it had even given up his job and sold land to fund the project which had fermented in his imagination ever since he had seen that Elvis Presley movie with the wall of death, *Koussakou*, on the television. His neighbours thought he was mad, of course."

Ormrod returned with a film crew and made a short piece about it for Irish tele-

vision. But it was not until two or three years later, just after he had finished working on *In A Free State*, a highly acclaimed RTE and Channel 4 co-production about German spies in Ireland, that Ormrod's thoughts turned to the incident again.

"I went to a fairground and saw a wall of death," he remembers, "and suddenly it occurred to me that there was a story there which would make a great movie about enterprise and initiative and a desperate search for opportunity."

Ironically, this would also seem to describe the story of Ormrod's own struggle to bring *Eat The Peach* to the screen. Initially the idea was turned down by every prospective backer including Channel 4 and the Irish Film Board. "I began to feel that no one would give me money," Ormrod says, "but I believed there really was a good film there, so I decided to try a different tack."

A meeting with John Kelleher, an ex-boss of Ormrod's at RTE, led to Kelleher becoming producer of the projected movie and a rather spectacular solution to the problem of its financing: a share issue on the Irish stock market. Both large and small-scale investors put up a total

of £1 million in return for shares in Strongbow, *Eat The Peach's* production company, while, with Channel 4 also deciding to change its mind and step in with another half million or so, the film went into production.

"There's a lesson in that," says Peter Ormrod. "Of course it's unusual to have a stock issue to raise money for making a film, but then film making is an unusual business. You might as well try anything. Who knows what will work? The solution certainly worked not only for Ormrod, who got to make his film, but for investors in Strongbow as well."

Already *Eat The Peach* has surpassed all previous records for a home-grown production at the Irish box-office, and in the process has outperformed *The Purple Rose of Cairo* and *A Chorus Line* as well.

"I think people in Britain will enjoy the film very much," says Ormrod, "because even though any film has to be made essentially with its home market in mind, I'd say that with *Eat The Peach* we've also managed to describe an honest human situation which has universal characteristics. Apparently, he adds with a smile, "it's already going down well in Finland of all places, so we should be okay over here, shouldn't we?"

# Bhopal's day brings big strike

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A general strike called by the Communist Party of India marked the second anniversary of the Bhopal gas disaster which killed more than 2,350 people in the world's worst industrial accident.

Shops and markets were closed and most public vehicles were off the road as a series of processions organized by competing and quarrelling volunteer bodies wound towards the Union Carbide pesticide plant. It was from there, two years ago, that a deadly cloud of methylisocyanate gas spread over the town.

A torchlight procession began the anniversary late at night, and early yesterday morning a cycle contingent led by Mr David Bergman, a British volunteer formerly arrested and charged with spying, arrived from Delhi.

Other processions carried effigies of Mr Warren Anderson, chairman of Union Carbide, and garlanded them with necklaces of sandals before ritually burning them.

About 150 police guarded the plant and regulated the processions with specially built barriers.



# Couple too fat to adopt

Sydney — Michael and Sue Murnane, above, claim they have been banned from adopting a baby because they are too fat (Reuters reports).

The Murnanes said the Government had told them that they should each shed at least 55 lb before adopting a child.

But a Government spokesman said that the Murnanes wanted to adopt a baby from Sri Lanka or South Korea where strict laws applied.

# Couple too fat to adopt

"As far as I know it's the first time ever a couple has been refused permission to adopt because they are overweight but the provision has always been there," he said.

Mrs Murnane, aged 39, a nursing assistant, weighs 202 lb, while her husband, 29, a boilermaker, weighs 198 lb. The couple said they were judged to be almost 30 per cent overweight, but otherwise were in perfect health.

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## CONCERT

### John Percival

### Richard Fairman

## TELEVISION

## Martin Cropper



## DANCE

On the other hand, the end

Elsewhere the protagonists go through all the obvious signs of suffering with unquestioning sincerity. A group of 20 black-faced supporters manipulate the props and are rewarded finally by a high-kicking number in black light. A mirror sequence allows Lesley Collier, who would have played Beauty had she

## THEATRE

## Irving Wardle

## OPERA

Even the disturbingly unstable top register of John Oakman's Rodolfo does, perversely, fit the wreck of a man he so convincingly portrays. Patricia O'Neill's Mimi thrives on the limited space: she sings and acts her heart out, as indeed do Elizabeth Collier's Musetta and Patrick Wheatley's stalwart Marcello.

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\* A CYCIC IS A MAN WHO JOOKES THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING AND THE VALUE OF NOTHING. In truth the only thing he lacks is you, and he's smart enough to be somewhat cynical about finding you. He's 32, a doctor, he's 6'1", very handsome, he eats cookeys! He loves to swim and play tennis and sail and dance and listen to classical music and jazz. He's a woman who takes care of herself, a gorgeous slim woman who dresses well and really believes in marriage. She should be tall and between 25 and 32.

**IT IS ALMOST A DEFINITION OF A MENTLEMAN TO SAY THAT HE IS ONE WHO NEVER FLICKS PAINT.** Some people are planning the winter cruises, most of us are battling winter colds. BENJAMIN is thinking only of spring. He's a runner, a dog lover, a movie fan. He loves to dance. He loves his successful company. He's 39. His values are old-fashioned but not antiquated. His values are sound. BENJAMIN prefers Jewish women who are aggressive. (Is that redundant?) He wishes the quick pace of New York life and tends to enjoy New York women. He'd like to marry this year, and we at Gentilepeople

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## BOOKS

## Change and decay in all around

Peter Ackroyd reviews the Prince of modern novelists: do you resist change or come to terms with it?

THE LEOPARD  
With a Memory and two  
StoriesBy Giuseppe Tomasi  
di Lampedusa  
Translated by Archibald  
Colquhoun  
Collins Harvill, £10.95

To write a first novel at the end of your life looks like an inspiration; but to achieve worldwide fame as a result looks more like inadvertence, particularly when the author in question is Duke of Palma and Prince of Lampedusa. When it was first published in 1958, *The Leopard* disgusted modernists and left-wing writers alike (they are not always the same thing, especially in Italy), but it came as a revelation to everyone else: here was a Sicilian Prince mocking the achievements of the Risorgimento, attacking the liberals and the petit-bourgeoisie, implicitly supporting the Bourbon regime, and somehow at the same time writing a masterpiece. It is as if, in this country, an elderly Duke had written a novel condemning the Reform Acts of the last century, given the generally brutish state of the British aristocracy, this is of course improbable. But the analogy suggests the fust that this particular novel provoked.

The central character is a certain Don Fabrizio, a 19th-century Prince not a million miles removed from one of Lampedusa's own ancestors. The novel opens in May 1860, just before Garibaldi's landing in Sicily, as Don Fabrizio waits with cynical patience for the destruction of the old order that he represents. By the end of the book, the narrative has moved forward to 1910: Don Fabrizio is dead, his old houses are essentially "ruins", nothing more, but the condition of Sicily is no better and no more enlightened under bourgeois rule. In one of the many passages which have ensured this book's fame, a bureaucratic looks from his coach at the scarred and mournful visage of that island: "Under the ashen light, the landscape lurched to and fro, irremediable." The poetry of Lampedusa's novel flows into the Sicilian countryside, but it is the poetry of exequy and not of celebration.

His own Palace at Palermo was destroyed by Allied bombing in 1943, and this act of defilement haunted him for the rest of his life;

but it was also the single most important source for this book. He created poetry out of his loss, and in *The Leopard* the old house rises once more — rebuilt, as it were, in the imagination. But from where does that imagination spring? In the short memoir that accompanies this novel, he describes his boyhood exploration of the great palaces that his family possessed, and in the process it becomes clear that he is haunted by these houses.

It is as if they took on, by some act of morphological resonance, the very shape of his own destiny (much the greater pity, then, that the publishers did not choose to include the photographs of those buildings which appeared in their earlier edition of *Racconti*). And before anyone begins to talk about the proprietorial nostalgia that afflicts decaying aristocrats, it ought to be pointed out that in Lampedusa's account there is as much loneliness as there is grandeur; he provides a rich catalogue of aesthetic objects, but also, and more powerfully, he evokes a succession of shattered, empty, and forgotten rooms. And so it is that the 19th Century is seen to anticipate the condition of the 20th.

This identification with his subject also implies an identification with the entire period, of course; and one of the strengths of this book is the suspicion that it could have been written in the 1880s rather than in

the 1950s. Lampedusa is filled with such an intense realization of the past that he is able effortlessly to recreate it: one can imagine him walking through the streets of Palermo, literally seeing everything as it was a hundred years before. That is how historical novelists become great.

His excellent translator, Archibald Colquhoun, suggests that the novel is also "impregnated with the transmuted spiritual yearning of a particular kind of artist, who is also a non-practising Catholic"; and indeed in its combination of the mystical and the humorous, in its displaced religious imagery, it bears all the marks of a lapsed Catholic who tries to create a fictional world that will rival the religious one he has

abandoned. So if this is a novel about the processes of social change, it is also one about the nature of fatality; if it is an account of the Sicilian character and the recesses of that island's history, it is also an impassioned disquisition on the soul of one man.

Don Fabrizio is an amateur astronomer, and, at times back to his telescope and discerns the "timeless harmony" of the constellations. This is an historical novel; but one that takes time itself as its subject.

And so the reader receives the very strong impression that Lampedusa has put into this book everything he ever thought, or ever wanted to say.

And that makes it curiously touching — touching because, despite its great artistry, it is in some ways a very innocent piece of work. Of course he was a highly cultured man — he even wrote an essay about Stendhal (not reprinted here, despite the publisher's claim to have collected the whole oeuvre) — but at the same time *The Leopard* has all the nervousness, the occasionally clumsy inclusiveness, and the enthusiasm of a first novel. Lampedusa seems not to have been altogether certain exactly what kind of "fiction" he was creating.

He died in 1957, not knowing that the book would ever be published, let alone that it would become one of the great examples of Twentieth-Century literature. And when one thinks of the Prince of Lampedusa, living in the ruins of an old order, obsessed with the past and relatively indifferent to the future, this does seem a curiously appropriate fate.



## Light Yorkshire Puddings

## FICTION

Gillian Greenwood

UNCLE MORT'S  
NORTH COUNTRYBy Peter Tinniswood  
Pavilion, £7.95

## THE WAY-PAVER

By Anne Devlin  
Faber, £8.95

## THE PIER

By Rayner Heppenstall  
Allison & Busby

sun. It was too busy ingratiating itself with all them bigwigs in the south."

The Brandons are Yorkshire-based, and all the usual northern idiosyncrasies plus a few unfamiliar ones are presented with such a lack of sentimentality that the comedy occasionally turns black, as in the burial of "Young Chocolate". The comic balance between Uncle Mort and Carter Brandon, during the latter's week off work. The traditional northern day-trip takes them to the seaside, of course; but also on a visit to Arthur Scargill's gay twin brother, to the W. Tidy Museum of Living Northern Life, to several pubs, and a funeral.

Centre stage is the aged Uncle Mort, with an endless supply of anecdotes and outrageous one-liners, a sort of intelligent Northern Alf Garnett, whose prejudice extends to everyone save himself. It is on occasion reserved purely for the South of England, however: "The sun — bloody thing," said Uncle Mort. "It had no time for us here in the North, hadn't the

story from a certain objectivity (like that of a character in "Passages"). The girl had a disconcerting habit of standing back and analysing her statements...thereby dismissing her own assumptions" towards a more intuitive knowledge of the futility of hoping for an answer.

A young woman lures a victim to his death on the Falls Road; another recalls the unexplained disappearance of her young brother 20 years before, the memory triggered

by the smell of oranges; yet another, a Catholic, returns to Belfast to live with her Protestant boyfriend, only to be humiliated out. In each case the past creates the future. Not only in an obvious historical sense, but through some fatal subconscious force by which the characters unwittingly manoeuvre themselves.

Mr. Devlin writes in a simply lyrical style, sometimes so simple that a touch of naivety depends on her prose. Her great strength is dialogue and character, which are seen to best effect in "Naming the Names", where a strong sense of place allows a bustling street life to contrast well with the tortured, lonely stance of its dangerous narrator.

The Pier was Rayner Heppenstall's last book. He died in 1981 and has been described by C.P. Snow as "The master eccentric of English letters". It is interesting to note that C.P. Snow's last novel was a splenic murder story, in which he indulged an old man's irritation at modern life rather unsuccessfully. By the side of *The Pier*, however,

C.P. Snow's *A Coat of Varnish* is quite benign.

An elderly author, Harold Atha, becomes so irritated by his squalid, modern, working-class neighbours that he at first plans a literary revenge on them, and then acts out his plot to massacre almost the entire family. There are moments in the book when the frustration of the old man, whose selfishness is confessed, and whose mania for order is acknowledged, is touchingly described; and one wishes with him that he could find the courage to kill himself. But selfishness unredeemed by charm is unacceptable; and Mr. Heppenstall has encountered the classic difficulty of creating a character so unpleasant that it is difficult to care about his predicament.

The prose is clearly written by a craftsman, although his "startling particularity of observations" seems an endless cataloguing of detail appropriate to the narrator, but tedious to the reader, as is the narrator's snobbery, which borders on the offensive. Perhaps *The Journals of Rayner Heppenstall*, which are also published this week, will shed some light on this final outburst.

Tomb  
or mile  
stone?SCIENCE  
FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

## EON

By Greg Bear  
Gollancz, £10.95

This is a monumental achievement. With only his second science fiction novel the author leaps into the realms inhabited by the great and the good. An infamous last blurb claims that with this book "the whole SF genre is redefined and enlarged." Not quite, not quite. But rarely have hardware and entertainment been so perfectly interlocked in the literary genre that depends on combining business with pleasure.

Above our planet hangs a hollow Stone, vast as the imagination of Man. Space-time expert Patricia Vasquez is sent to join the many scientists working there to try to discover its origins. Tardis-like, the inner dimensions are at odds with the outer; pyramid-like, there are chambers to be breached, some containing deserted cities: one chamber goes on for ever.

But the Stone is not an alien structure. It comes from the past, from the past of our humanity. Tombstone or milestone, the war that breaks out on the earth beneath its presence seems to bear witness to its prowess as oracle.

The concepts examined here are dizzying and complex; but Mr. Bear's grasp of his narrative is secure and commanding. We read on, not least because the characters are never outstaged by ideas. It is a work of remarkable vision and total control. Arthur C. Clarke has his most formidable rival yet in the field of epic SF.

● Isaac Asimov's Choice (*Hale*, £10.95). Mr. Clarke surfaces in this alarmingly joyous collection with his first short story for five years, "Quarantine" — it is also one of the shortest ever. Valued here, too, is a wonderful pastiche on Agatha Christie by Barry Malzberg, "The Several Murders of Roger Ackroyd." Delight of many dimensions.

● Best SF Of The Year, 15, edited by Terry Carr (*Gollancz*, £10.95). More sober-sided tales, but of a most readable worth, especially as the book contains Robert Silverberg's haunting "Sailing To Byzantium" as well as the editor's timely comments on series-novels.

● The Venus Hunters, by J.G. Ballard (*Gollancz*, £8.95). A sequence of wondrous hallucinations which first appeared in several paperbacks, here are gathered in a hardback of glimmering fantasy. My favourite: "Now: Zero", in which the author commands the reader's death. That's... not... very... funny... is...

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## THRILLERS

Tim Heald

SANTORINI  
By Alistair Maclean  
Collins, £9.95NIGHT OF THE  
FOXBy Jack Higgins  
Collins, £9.95

After more than 30 books one of the country's most distinguished old thriller writers has suffered a nasty and rather unexpected attack of Oval Office Syndrome. Readers of Mr Alistair Maclean will know that he is at his best on the bridge of an indomitable British craft fighting its way through stupendous seas. The crew — and part of the plot — will resemble one of those stories in which an Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, and a Welshman say or do something incredibly characteristic. They will be united, not only against the appalling gale, but also against a number of perfectly filthy foreigners — preferably Jerries.

Well the old boy starts off in the conventional manner. There's a map of the Eastern Med., with a lot of dots charting a voyage across the Aegean, and the first sentence conforms so absolutely to the Maclean stereotype that it needs to be savoured in its entirety:

An overhead broadcaster on the bridge of the frigate *Ariadne* cracked into life, a bell rang twice and then O'Rourke's voice came through, calm, modulated, precise and unmistakably Irish.

The author is clearly in fine fettle. Almost at once the *Ariadne* gets a Mayday signal from a sinking yacht, and a stricken American bomber falls into the sea two miles south of Cape Akrotiri. By page 24 the villains are on board. How do I guess that they're villains? Step forward Mr Andropoulos — "He looked as if he hadn't shaved that morning but then, he would always look as if he hadn't shaved that morning"; and Alexander: "a tall man with a thin, unsmiling face and black, cold eyes"; and, finally, Aristotle with his "watchful eyes and a serious expression." These glassy-eyed, stubbly-jawed Greek johnnies are obviously fearful rotters, and what's more they come bearing the — marginal — sex interest. These are Irene ("wide green eyes") and Eugenia ("warm brown eyes"). Mr Maclean is one of English Literature's great eye specialists.

From now on however the book starts to flag. There are huge potential bangs on the ocean bed; a brilliant overweight Admiral arrives to take over; and some scientists join in. There's a lot of rather inane chatter, especially from the

Admiral, who is given to "nodding imperceptibly", and saying: "A suitably chastened Admiral sits before you. We live, we learn."

I sensed something was wrong, but couldn't quite put my finger on it until page 174 when suddenly it was 5.30am, and the President of the United States was "showing every year of his age" in — you've guessed it — the Oval Office. Mercifully Mr Maclean doesn't tell us about the office furniture, but from that moment on I felt the book was doomed.

Some readers, notably unreviewed thriller writers, complain that reviewers spend too much time on books they don't much like. They would rather read about books the reviewer enjoyed. Would, of course, that there were more such books. But failing them (and fail they usually do), one has a duty to devote some time and space to those books that W.H. Smith are going to feature most prominently in their windows. A major part of any self-respecting reviewer's task is to cast doubt on the judgement of such arbiters of popular taste as W.H. Smith and Penguin books.

Hence I mention Mr Higgins's latest work. Mr Higgins also starts with a map, but it is quickly clear that he is suffering from a nasty attack of Factoids. At the very beginning there is that tiny, but tell-tale, little disclaimer about how while, on the one hand the Germans bla bla bla, on the other "it must be stressed that this is a work of fiction" and bla bla bla. In addition to Factoids, Mr Higgins also has Jackboots on the Jacket, an unpleasant condition that gets serious on page 31, when Hitler "almost danced with delight", and said: "A bad morning for General Eisenhower, gentlemen."

The response to this is. "Good news indeed, my Führer," Goebbels said, and delivered his usual high laugh. Ach so!

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## Snowy's last bark



Tintin chasing Snowy down the most influential strip cartoon of the century into art history

Hailed in France as a latter-day Tibetan Book of the Dead, *Tintin et l'Alph-Art*, the album that Hergé was working on when he died, is published at last. Although exciting, it contains the germ of an exciting new theme, the relationship between words and pictures, which preoccupied Hergé throughout his life. Casterman have resisted the temptation to colour and extend the 42-page draft to Hergé's traditional 62. These are the preparatory sketches, with dialogue presented separately, complete with hesitations, corrections and marvellous ad hoc inventions. To read *Alph-Art* is to see the most influential European cartoonist of our century examining his astonishing art anew.

The breathless narrative centres on a gang of art forgers operating under cover of a phoney conceptualist gallery called *Alph-Art*. The whole album presents in parable a simultaneous attraction to and revulsion from the art to which Hergé was a significant contributor. Key exchanges focus on the pretensions of modern art, shown particularly in Captain Haddock's reluctant

## Martin Spence

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purchase of an enormous plexiglass sculpture in the shape of the letter H. There's a new view of women too, including the gallery secretary, a Nana Moskouiri lookalike with a neat line in self-abasement, and a moving glimpse of Madame Lalot, the book-keeper with "25 years of slavery" in the gallery behind her. Snowy's brief encounter with Castafiore's poodle ends with a pointed rebuff. Chauvinists like Emir Ben Kalish are banished to the sidelines. Having pursued the gang to a villa on Ischia (where else?)

and discovered a horde of freshly minted Modiglianis, Picassos, and Gauguins, Tintin is confronted at gunpoint by their oily leader: "We are going to pour liquid polyester over you, you are to become a sculpture signed by César and no one will ever know that this work of art is the last resting place of little Tintin." The ironies multiply. Our last glimpse of Snowy is at the window of Tintin's cell; his last words, an encouraging "Woah!"

Methuen, Hergé's British publishers, are aiming about all over the place. Dimly realizing the importance of the material they hold, they seem to be unsure of its market. They have misleadingly packaged *The Valley of the Cobras*, a Jo, Zette, and Jocko adventure from 1940, to look like a Tintin book. Some of the games in *The Tintin Games Book* are so facile it is hard to imagine them holding any child's attention. Others demand an impossibly intimate knowledge of the Tintin stories. Please Methuen, can we have *Tintin au pays des Soviets* and *Tintin au Congo* in English?





## Courting trouble

Liverpool City Council's cavalier attitude to its record of upheld complaints of maladministration (13 last year, all against the housing department) could land it before the courts. The latest report by Patricia Thomas, the ombudsman for the north of England, chastises councillors and officers for misleading her during her investigation into the non-completion of repairs. Rather than disciplining the miscreants and compensating the tenant, the housing committee chose merely to "note" the report. Ms Thomas has now written saying that obstructing an ombudsman can amount to the equivalent of contempt in the High Court. Her letter concludes with the warning that she is giving councillors a "final opportunity to put their own house in order".

● Another irritating thing about Liverpool's housing department: its switchboard plays yee "Home Sweet Home" down the phone.

## Horse's mouth

Who was responsible for certifying disgraced Morgan Grenfell dealer Geoffrey Collier as a fit and proper person to join the Stock Exchange? None other than Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the City's new self-regulatory body, the Securities and Investment Board. Berrill was used to be chairman of Vickers de Costa, for which Collier worked in New York, and was asked to give a reference as a previous employer. Brokers may remember that notice of Collier's moral propriety posted on the Stock Exchange floor earlier this year.

## Motionless

Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian defence minister, grasped the wrong end of the stick when the Oxford Union wrote asking him to speak. Clearly believing the university was about to accord him some long-delayed honour, Spadolini enthusiastically replied, heaping praise on the city's proud history. When Union officials gently indicated that the invitation came from a bunch of penguin-suited students rather than Lord Stockton, the Chancellor, his interest cooled. Suddenly the pressure of affairs of state made the trip impossible.

## Grime gripe

Appalled at the sight of a dirty Leyland truck on show at the recent Baghdad International Fair, Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, cast aside his image as castle-residing laird and started to clean the windows with his handkerchief. A veneer of desert dust was one thing but this was sheer filth, he thought. Embarrassed exhibitors restrained him before he could give the vehicle a real valeting. Clark left convinced that British exporters are losing custom by neglecting the finer points of presentation.



At least he'll have something in common with Reagan

## Bowing out

Though no decision has been officially taken about the fate of Commander Brian Sparks, the Nottingham police chief alleged to have made racist remarks to fellow officers, police sources say he will take early retirement on medical grounds. Sparks has been on sick leave pending a decision on whether to charge him under the recently introduced race discrimination clause in the Police Disciplinary Code. So far the clause has not been used.

● Job ad for teachers: "Great Education: come and join us... a small, friendly and exciting borough..." Tell that to Maureen McGoldrick.

## Festive hall

The late Geoffrey Horsfall, designer of London's Hayward Gallery, would have been heartened by the imminent arrival of 50 Christmas trees to adorn the adjacent Sculpture Terrace, one of his most fervent, though unfulfilled wishes was that the hard edges of the site should be softened by the presence of greenery. The trees are a festive gift from the much maligned Forestry Commission and are, somewhat ironically, the result of a suggestion (rejected) by the conservation and arts group Common Ground that the Hayward should mount an exhibition related to the environment. This is good news for putative viewers of the current Rodin exhibition there, for it is so popular that they are having a mightily long wait outside and will surely welcome the verdure.

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Britain has not lost, but is in danger of losing, a great opportunity in Hong Kong. In ten years time our lease expires and the world's most successful economy, relative to its size, will fall back upon mainland China. Docking the satellite with the mother ship is as nerve-racking as any space mission and a lot more significant; for not only is China itself on the move but what seems now to be a relentless shift of wealth and power to the Pacific Basin will also gain momentum in the 1990s.

The shape of the 21st century has begun to appear, and Hong Kong, our most valuable legacy of the 19th century, offers a tremendous chance for us to feature prominently as well. I believe we will take the chance, but as usual we are leaving things very late.

There are only two ways in which China can realize its permanent, inbuilt ambition to return to the centre of the universe, or at least the Asian Pacific. One is to offer the Japanese participation on such a scale that it would amount, virtually, to economic colonization. That the Chinese will not do. Nor would the Japanese be enthusiastic since they owe their success to their fascinating ability to be Nippon-centric as a civilization though global in their approach to markets.

The other way is for China to harness the energies of Hong Kong, as a free port and a world financial market. Effectively, that means making use of Hong Kong by leaving it alone. An analogy would be for the British government to finance its own industrial

# Helping Hong Kong, and Britain as well

by Lord Gowrie

start-up schemes by allowing people to make more use of offshore centres such as Jersey or the Isle of Man where their own capital was concerned. The present leaders of China have acknowledged that that is what they need, and what they want.

They may not bring it off; they may give way to leaders who hold different views or who face more difficult political circumstances. But it is exciting to think of the possibilities for the world, for Hong Kong, and for ourselves if they do. This has little to do with greed, the enterprise being to provide both grub and ethics. Civilization depends not on food and drink and shelter but on the surplus that liberates us from thinking only of these.

For most of this century the world has lost the benefit of China's ancient civilizing example, for Chinese internal political and economic developments have come first. That is changing and China is in a much more confident and outward-looking mood, with

the present rulers wishing to use Hong Kong to build upon that confidence. It is their window, not just to the developed world, but their own opportunity. There can be a Chinese sensibility, and Chinese works of art, for the world to share in again.

Japanese, American and Australian investment in Hong Kong has increased considerably this year; nervous British fund managers should take note. The government should also show more confidence in the success of its own diplomacy which, after a shaky start, produced the Sino-British accord and the Queen's visit to Peking.

The way to do this is to be more robust and generous over issuing British passports to the Hong Kong Chinese. They feel both insulted and abandoned through our parsimony; if we don't believe that Hong Kong will continue to flourish, why should they? We should imitate and extend the US and Canadian methods and offer passports to those who

bank on us sufficient money to support themselves, plus a measure of investment in the British economy. This last would not be restricted to paper investments but be contingent on the provision of five years sustained employment, at median small firm level, in a development area of Britain.

The government would be accused of selling passports and violating equity. Neither case stands up and it should tackle both head on. Increased investment can get you a passport or a work permit now. (I used to administer the permits). We should be looking, therefore, to a more liberal application of existing rules. As our own economic self-confidence returns, we can only win from being more liberal, and not only in respect of Hong Kong.

The objection that only wealthy cases would benefit is just as easy to overcome. It is sensible to restrict immigration to Britain until it can be absorbed. Absorbing people from Hong Kong prepared to invest here would be no problem. In practice, emigration would not occur. Under the safety net of a British passport was underneath them, the wealth creators of Hong Kong would remain there, committed to Britain, to attend to their business obligations but otherwise getting on with the job, confidence restored, of giving mainland China its window on the world.

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Robin Oakley, Political Editor, reports on Neil Kinnock's uphill struggle in selling Labour's non-nuclear defence policy

## Brave, sincere — but the US is unconvinced



Kinnock at Harvard: a respectful hearing despite his misjudgement of America's post-Reykjavik mood

choice has come, that we can no longer afford to be a nuclear power and to make an adequate conventional force contribution to Nato, and that we must choose second-class status. It is in itself a brave risk to take with the British electorate.

Kinnock's Harvard speech, shorn of gimmickry, delivered with none of his party conference braggadocio, earns him the right to be taken seriously on defence. All the evidence suggests that he will lose the debate he has begun. But it is doing the current state of politics no harm to have him remind us that the world has moved on since the atomic bomb was invented.

He has been unlucky in the timing of his mission to America.

Mayor Andrew Young did him no favours with a badly attended meeting in Atlanta. The self-obsessed American media has ignored him at a time when the Iran arms affair crowds out all else. He has had no chance to reach the people, only to sow a few thoughts among a tiny minority of the political intelligentsia. But he has spelled out openly to those who care to listen precisely what a Labour government would do about US bases and weapons.

Kinnock has won respect for his verbal facility and for his sincerity. As he admits himself, Americans tend to listen to his message and find to their surprise that they can buy a slice or two, but emphatically not the whole loaf. They simply do not believe that

Kinnock could persuade his party, should Labour win the election, to spend the money he says it will on strengthening conventional defence.

Dr Stephen Flanagan, director of a research centre in security affairs, said after the Harvard speech: "There must be doubts that a Labour government would stick to what it says on conventional spending. Past Labour governments have tended to have different spending priorities."

Americans are alarmed at the speed with which Kinnock says he will make the policy switch. Russell Seitz, a visiting scholar at Harvard's Centre for International Affairs, said: "You can not restore conventional parity in Europe in six years. Removal of nuclear weapons and bases in Britain within 12 months as promised would be dangerous and destabilizing."

American audiences cannot discern an effective answer from Kinnock to the potential nuclear blackmail of a Europe shorn of nuclear defences. They cannot understand how a country that has been not just a member but a pillar of Nato could be willing to wreck the whole Alliance strategy. They don't see us yet as another Denmark.

The Harvard speech was delivered to a typical East Coast liberal audience. But the sympathy for Labour's position was strictly limited even there. Many predicted that it would play into the hands of American isolationists. In seeking to portray the US as thirsting for arms reductions and Mrs Thatcher as a belligerent opponent of any cuts, Kinnock has misjudged post-Reykjavik American opinion. Much of it is still aghast at what Reagan nearly gave away.

But all tended to agree with Dr Richard Haass of the Kennedy School of Government — who is a Republican — that whatever the thought of Kinnock's views "he is very articulate and very committed. What he has done is to clear up doubts about what his views really were."

Kinnock's mission has been brave and honest. But he has not still the American resentment of those who seek to dine a la carte at the Nato table. And he has intensified the transatlantic division identified by Sir Oliver Wright, the former British ambassador to Washington into Wimps and Cowboys. The Americans, being strong, do not fear the use of power to solve problems and are typified as cowboys by fastidious Europeans. The Europeans, being less powerful, seek ways to live with problems and are scorned by Americans as wimps.

The normally macho Kinnock is helping to have Britain identified with the wimps.

London when a copy of a British Punjabi-language paper which reproduced Mrs Thatcher's greeting was taken from her. On the reverse was an advertisement for a Sikh rally. She had also arranged through the High Commission to deliver a parcel of clothes to a Sikh friend in jail on terrorist charges.

Professor Bedi told me yesterday: "It will be suicidal if, through pressure from some quarters, an attempt is made to abandon the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society, or to change its shape and form at a time when we are so close to a general election. We are not involved with the politics of the Indian subcontinent. I can assure the Foreign Office and the Indian government that the Anglo-Asian Society is in no way linked with any extremist or terrorist organization and under my chairmanship it will never be used as a platform to propagate any other ideals but Conservatism."

Given the twin pressures of a nervous Foreign Office and the rivalry between Hindus and Sikhs, the Tory chiefs hardly know where to turn. Their inclination is to dissolve the Asian Society and start again.

Others say Central Office should be less faint-hearted and must accept the challenge by setting out to broaden its Asian movement beyond the London businessmen and look to the temples and mosques for recognized and respected figures who could swing the Asian vote the Tory way.

John Warden

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Ronald Butt

## Only one way to a new accord

Last month Senator Gary Hart (Democrat and possible presidential candidate) and Senator William Cohen (Republican) spoke side by side at a dinner given for them in London. They then answered questions alternately. Their performance delighted their audience, which was largely from the City, not only because they spoke with style and reason but because they did not conceal the substratum of shared assumptions underlying their thinking.

On some matters, of course, their opinions differed. On taxation in America, for instance, Senator Hart had a preference for indirect taxes over direct taxes, partly for protectionist reasons (he thought that it made sense for an America which imported half its oil to tax oil imports). Senator Cohen plainly did not share these opinions. But on the fundamentals of policy there was remarkable agreement. The audience was left in no doubt, for instance, that no Democratic president would abandon the Strategic Defence Initiative. Whatever adjustment might be made, funding and research would continue.

Every American, they said, is for strong defence, which is something that Neil Kinnock simply cannot understand. Whenever the senators sang a different melodic line it was but always contrapuntally, and therefore fundamentally in harmony. If only (said nearly everyone I spoke to) we could have that kind of moderate and constructive politics in Britain, instead of our destructive confrontation of opposites.

Yet there were some whose warm approval seemed to misunderstand the lesson to be drawn from this manifestation of the contrast between American and British politics. In a speech of thanks, Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Aid, and a renowned moderate, or Wet, observed with evident relief that it all went to show that there was no seismic shift to the right after all, either in the US or Britain. Most people, he thought, were "middle of the road and rather sensible" which, though true enough in everyday life, seemed to carry a different implication given Patten's known scepticism about Thatcherite policies.

But a seismic shift to the right was precisely what has been necessary in Britain to bring the political centre back to a position which genuinely reflects public feeling and makes consensus politics of the Hart-Cohen kind possible. If Britain now has a chance of a new moderate consensus, it is only because Mrs Thatcher has acted decisively enough to put a stop to the drift of the centre to the left which had gone on for several decades as other parties had been pressured into accepting criteria prescribed by socialism.

The unbridgeable gap between socialism and the acceptable politics of consensus in a free society has been exposed. A new political consensus reflecting what the nation wants is essential. The Tories must eventually alternate in power with another party which is not Labour. If Mrs Thatcher achieves anything durable it will be because we now establish a political party structure resembling the American. This has nothing to do with our different constitutions. We need not envy

the American system, which is no better and in many ways is worse than ours. We could not have had a Watergate here. Nixon would have been stopped well before he fell into that mire.

Nor would it be possible for a British prime minister to be as embarrassed as President Reagan now is over arms sales to Iran and the use of the money. Ministerial and Cabinet responsibility would have prevented it. The current British difficulties over the attempt to prevent publication of the Peter Wright memoirs is of a wholly different order; they arise not from the system but from a political failure to foresee that the attempt, though fully justified in terms of national security, might be counter-productive.

What we have to envy the Americans for is not their constitution but the fact that their party politics work on a basis of fundamental agreement about the nature of American society representing what the mass of the people want. There is no body of American opinion of any size which is inimical to a free economic society, or which wishes to subordinate individual responsibility to state direction; or is hostile to profit and private ownership, or wishes to impose "equality" by state direction.

All the evidence here too is that the great majority does not want socialism and does want a free society with recognized social obligations. But the British were stuck with a social alternative by the twists of industrial history. This led the trade unions to send to Parliament their own party which, being responsible more to caucuses and block votes than to the broad opinion of the electors, was manipulable by extremists.

Social stability depends on restoring the position to what it used to be when Conservatives and the old Liberal Party (like Republicans and Democrats) operated within a consensus about the desired nature of society which might have been re-created if Labour had been reformed as Gaitskill had hoped. That hope of a social democratic alternative to the Tories can now be achieved only by another Labour defeat. A third rejection of a party whose fundamental extremism is daily shown up by its leaders' incoherent attempts to conceal it could give the Social Democratic Party the opportunity to take its place, which was the original reason for the SDP's formation.

But a Labour victory could destroy the SDP, while the dangers of a hung parliament would be hardly less. If it resulted in an Alliance coalition with Labour it would make a mockery of the Social Democrats' secession. If, on the other hand, the Alliance were obliged to enter a coalition with the Tories that could irrevocably taint the SDP in the eyes of electors who still vote reluctantly for Labour's brand name as representing their class image because they cannot bring themselves to think that the Conservatives can do so.

A new consensus requires a third defeat of a Labour Party which has ceased to represent its natural constituency. But breaking the spell of Labour's brand name and founding a free society consensus would have been out of the question but for the years of Thatcherism, and a seismic shift away from the left.

Joseph Connolly

## The callers who don't ring true

British Telecom tells me that these days very few telephone calls are misrouted as a result of defects in the system — the problem's pretty well licked; over human error, of course, they regret they have no control. But what I should like to know is why the few that do manage to slip through the net join forces with every errant human in the land to ensure that my phone is a jangle day and night, forcing me to squander hours exchanging meaningless banter with an unbroken chain of complete and utter strangers. The only common bond among them is that they all wish to speak to someone else.

I am speaking of the deranged people who never bother to put on their glasses to make a call and lose their index fingers in a blur as they approach the dial. They can get quite annoyed with you for being a wrong number and think little of wasting yet more of your time by subjecting you to a detailed interrogation as to your number, your address, your blood group, etc.

Normally I just hang up, but the other morning I received a call from a grumpy old gentleman whose bovine stupidity and tenacity near broke my spirit. His opening volley:

"Who the devil are you?"

"None of your concern. Whom did you want?"

"Just get Sheila on the phone, will you?"

"No. There is no Sheila. You have a wrong number."

"What do you mean there's no Sheila? She's my daughter."

"Sheila doesn't live here. Wrong number wrong number wrong number."

"What?"

"You have the wrong number."

"I have not got the wrong number. I dialled the right number. Are you suggesting I don't even know my daughter's telephone number? You are on the wrong phone."

"I am on the phone I am always on. It is in my house; that is where I keep it. I am holding it at this very minute — the phone is here. Sheila isn't."

"Has she gone out, then?"

"I don't know whether she's gone out or not. I have nothing to do with Sheila. We have never met."

"Don't give me that one. If you don't know Sheila, how come you're round at her place, then?"

"Look. Let's start again. What number do you want?"

"0832 5146."

"But... that's my number."

"That's Sheila's number. When will she be back?"

"She won't... What I mean is..."

"Won't? What do you mean, won't? Here — you haven't done anything to her, have you? What are you — a masked intruder? You sound a bit evil. If you want the truth..."

"Sheila's not here! I don't know when she'll be back. What am I saying? I don't even know if she's gone out! She won't be back because she never went away... That is..."

"So you haven't molested her, or anything? Of course, I've only got your word."

"I have never even seen the woman!"

"Well... just put her on the line to get my mind at rest."

"You are mad. I am going now."

"Oh yes? Well it just so happens I have to go myself now because I've got to call the vet — but if you've harmed one single hair on Sheila's head..."

"BOMB NUMBER!"

And now his voice rose in triumph, as he played the trump.

"You can't get out of it as easily as that. If it's a wrong number — if mind — how do you explain your bloody well answering it? Hey?"

I have to lie down, now. Don't try phoning — it's off the hook.























# AE: a company at bay

How engineering group AE tried to repel a £270m hostile bid from Turner & Newall, found an unlikely white knight in Robert Maxwell ... and now awaits its fate

One of the longest and most bitter takeover battles draws to a climax tomorrow with the close of the £270 million offer by Turner & Newall, the asbestos group, for AE, the engineering company.

As it does, the curtain will come down on an extraordinary saga which has had all the ingredients of a best-selling corporate thriller.

The struggle for control of an unfashionable engineering business has besmirched the reputation of a leading merchant bank and stockbroker firm and generated the worst scandal of insider dealing to hit the City.

The conclusion will be a nail-biting affair. Turner & Newall believes it has enough backing from City institutions to lift its present stake in AE from 42 per cent to over the crucial 50 per cent level.

But the tug-of-war for AE has also heralded the arrival of publisher Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis Group which has now inched its way to a 29 per cent holding.

There was certainly little hint of the dramatic developments to come when, in June, Turner & Newall, under the chairmanship of Sir Francis Tombs, launched a hostile £196 million bid for AE.

It was in itself a remarkable step for Turner & Newall which had only just recovered from a position of near collapse. The share price had plunged as it faced mounting claims from the victims of asbestosis.

It was keen to reduce its dependence on mining and its reliance on earnings from



Tombs (left) and Maxwell: engineering a nail-biting tug-of-war

Africa and India and saw a tie-up with AE — both companies had motor component divisions — as a way out of its difficulties.

AE fought back fiercely. It claimed it was doing all right on its own — a change from the weakened state it had been in during 1983 when it agreed to a bid from GKN only to have the merger blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

The market scented blood and the possibilities of an auction for AE. Turner & Newall said the acquisition would help to make AE more competitive in world markets.

Sir John Collyear, chairman of AE, poured scorn on the asbestos group, describing it as a company "beset by inherent and serious problems."

After the ritualistic abuse Turner & Newall fired in a blockbuster final "take it or leave it" offer worth £247 million.

"A desperate last move," retorted AE.

But despite the fighting talk from the two knights, the stock market thought that Turner & Newall stood a good chance of success. But on September 12, when the offer closed it emerged that Turner & Newall had come within a whisker of victory — with 49 per cent.

After stripping out acceptances Turner & Newall was left owning 29 per cent of AE. Its failure appeared to support the view of Sir John Collyear that City institutions were at least prepared to stand by managements in defending companies.

But just as hostilities appeared to cease, so there was an immediate counterblast from Turner & Newall. They complained to the Takeover Panel that a crucial block of shares in AE had been bought by its own supporters just

before the close of the bid. As soon as the bid lapsed these shares were sold at a considerable loss — because AE shares not unexpectedly fell after the Turner & Newall offer failed.

After an inquiry lasting a month the Takeover Panel cried foul. It allowed Turner & Newall to launch a new bid and censured AE's merchant bank advisers, Hill Samuel, and the blue-blooded stockbroker firm, Cazenove, for their tactics during the battle.



T&N 'beset by inherent and serious problems'

AE's Sir John Collyear on the hostile bid

Hill Samuel criticized for failing to disclose arrangements with its own investment management department and two clearing banks to indemnify them against losses arising if they did not accept the bid.

And it hit at Cazenove for failing to disclose purchases by Midland Bank, AE's principal banker, under the arrangement. It was the hardest hitting criticism of a group of City institutions in living memory coming just as Big Bang erupted.

Less than a week later Robert Maxwell, through Hollis, a subsidiary of Pergamon, his master company — emerged as the white knight and announced a £266 million agreed bid for the company.

As one analyst put it: "AE complained about lack of industrial logic getting into bed with Turner & Newall. Quite why they are prepared to get together with Mr Maxwell is beyond me."

Mr Maxwell claimed that he wanted to build a group based on science and high technology. He said that Hollis had been looking to acquire specialist engineering companies but it lacked the necessary quality of management to run such an enterprise.

Turner & Newall then bounced back, with a cash and shares offer, claiming support from unnamed parties who could deliver a further 14 per cent to add to the near 30 per cent it held already.

Mr Maxwell later raised the value of his cash offer to 280p and with share buying has now bumped this up to the 29 per cent level.

As the struggle intensified in the City there was another astonishing twist to the affair. Mr Geoffrey Collier was forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, as allegations of insider dealing in AE shares swept the City. He has been charged with offences connected with trading in AE shares.

The stage is now set for a grandstand finale. If Turner & Newall fails to get past the 50 per cent level when acceptances are announced tomorrow Mr Maxwell and his Hollis Group, whose offer still has some time to run, will have victory in its grasp.

Cliff Feltham

## ECONOMIC VIEW

# Public spending ensnared in the pay bill warren

Although the teachers pay dispute is still not over one thing is clear: settlement is not going to be cheap. As the other unions in the public sector draw up their demands they will be well aware that the teachers have been offered 16.4 per cent. Many of them may be tempted to base their claims on the simple premise of "me too".

A surge in public sector pay would put new pressure on public spending next year. In extremis, this could force the Government to increase the provision for spending on certain programmes. More likely, either the danger of an overrun on the recently increased figures for next year will be raised, or more of the available funds will be pre-empted by pay, leaving less for politically appealing improvements in services.

Spending in the hospital service, for instance, is planned to rise next year by about 6 per cent in cash terms. That has to cover real improvements in services, the increase in demand from a growing number of elderly people in the population and higher equipment prices as well as increases in wages and salaries.

Improvements in efficiency will yield some extra cash. But any increase in the pay bill above 4 per cent is not likely to leave much to meet the increase in demand. Of course better paid, and therefore presumably better motivated, nurses and doctors represent a real improvement in the health service.

But that is not what most people mean by spending more on health.

Fixing pay levels in the public sector has long been a problem without a solution. Governments have tended to either like rabbits caught in the twin headlights of public spending scrutiny and concern for the effects of lengthy strikes in public services.

The effect of this combination of economic and political pressures over the years has been to establish a warren of different methods of resolving public-sector pay problems. In the public services, that is excluding the nationalized industries and other trading bodies, there are at least four distinct models.

● **Collective bargaining:** This is the basic model covering the civil service, NHS ancillaries and technicians, and many local authority employees.

The large increases handed out by the Clegg Committee in 1980 confirmed the Government's determination to move away from the formal system of pay research and comparability with the private sector for the civil service back to a simple system of collective bargaining, which is the closest approach to allowing market forces to set pay levels.

Apart from the dispute in the NHS in 1982, which led to

Increases in pay between 1980 and 1986

Constable (max).....+86%  
Nursing sister.....+58%  
Teacher (grade 1).....+69%  
Civil servant.....+40%

the setting up of the nurses pay review body, there have been no big strikes among these groups. But in spite of the relative industrial peace the Government has felt obliged to go on examining the possibility of constraining bargaining with the civil service unions within certain limits based on trends in pay in the economy as a whole.

Although the formula under discussion has proved unattractive to the unions, the compulsion to set bargaining within a fixed framework remains.

● **Teachers:** Pay arrangements for teachers have been based on collective bargaining within the Burnham Committee. But, until last year, the Government had a veto on the total sum of money involved through the "concordat" with the local authority employers.

Under the new arrangements proposed in last week's bill, the Education Secretary will decide pay rates and pay scales advised by a committee and following consultation with unions and employers.

The advisory committee differs from a review body in being subject to direction from the Education Secretary as to the total cost of any award. It is also explicitly temporary.

● **Review bodies.** The review bodies are non-statutory, independent bodies which advise the ministers concerned on appropriate settlements after taking evidence from Government and unions.

Ministers are not obliged to accept their recommendations but in practice it is difficult to ignore their advice. Interference with the recommended settlements is usually limited to phasing in the awards.

The exception is top salaries where the politics usually operate in the reverse direction favouring cuts in the award. There are four review bodies covering about one million people: nurses, doctors and dentists, the armed forces and top salaries, judges, generals and senior civil servants.

The purpose of these bodies

is to distance the Government from the business of setting pay rates for groups of workers with a high degree of public sympathy, and to give people who either cannot or do not strike some confidence that their pay will not lag behind.

The reviews try to take account of market factors like affordability, and recruitment and retention pressures.

● **Indexation:** Still more removed from the pressures of the labour market are two groups of public servants who enjoy automatic indexation of their pay, the police and the firemen. Police pay is kept in line with the underlying change in average earnings in the economy as a result of the Edmund Davies report in 1978.

In theory the Home Secretary can override the formula but in practice there is an informal concordat between the Government, the local authority employers and the Police Federation to apply the formula. The arrangement comes up for review next September. The firemen owe their privileged position to the strike of 1977, which was resolved by promising them a fixed position in the male, manual earnings league.

The strong element of comparability in setting pay scales, which continues in much of the public sector, will make it more difficult to resist the knock-on effects of whatever deal is finally agreed with the teachers.

The review bodies are beginning their work now for completion in April and will be under pressure to take the settlement into account when they make their recommendations.

For economic efficiency the best buy in pay bargaining systems must be the one which gives market forces the most free play. Although collective bargaining does not prevent leap-frogging and may be uncomfortable it is nevertheless the process most likely to balance demand for high quality public servants with available supply at the proper price.

Recent history suggests that the more the Government interferes with collective bargaining for political reasons the more it ends up paying over the odds.

Rodney Lord  
Economics Editor

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Record profits in an eventful year

Chairman and Chief Executive, Neil Shaw, reports:

■ Eighth successive year of profit growth.

■ Monopolies Commission decision on bid for S. & W. Berisford/British Sugar is expected shortly.

■ EEC Commission is reviewing European cane refining costs and margins.

■ New calorie-free sweetener "sucralose" goes to government authorities for approval.

■ Profitable first year for Western Sugar Company. Two additional beet plants acquired.

■ Continuing acquisitions and expansion in automotive parts division in North America.

■ New packing machinery for UK refineries. Associated costs of rationalisation taken as an extraordinary loss.

■ Prospects are both challenging and exciting.

## THE YEAR IN BRIEF

	1986	1985
Turnover	£1,645m	£1,627m
Profit before tax	£81.5m	£76.7m
Profit after tax attributable to shareholders*	£39.7m	£38.1m
Earnings per share	57.3p	55.3p
Dividends per share	23.0p	22.0p
Dividend cover	2.5 times	2.5 times

\*Before extraordinary loss £12.9m (1985: £11.6m)

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 27th September 1986.

Copies of the Annual Report for the period ended 27th September 1986 will be mailed to shareholders shortly and will be available from:

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## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 30th AUGUST 1986.

	1986	1985	Increase
Turnover	£273.7m	£265.5m	33%
Profit before taxation	£78.4m	£61.1m	28%
Profit after taxation	£61.3m	£50.3m	21%
Earnings per share - basic	56.3p	52.6p	7%
Total net dividend per share	6.75p	5.25p	29%

## EXTRACTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The year was another year of significant achievement, with continued expansion and consolidation of the Agriculture, Food and Related Industries Division, which contributed £45 million to profit on ordinary activities before taxation on turnover of £191.5 million. Further expansion of packing and packaging facilities in Turkey and Northern Cyprus enabled an increased volume and range of products to be handled whilst high quality standards were maintained. Margins remained strong in all markets but showed a small overall reduction due to sales mix and the continued drive for penetration into European markets.

The Consumer Electronics Division had a very successful year with pre-tax profit rising to £4.1 million and sales almost doubling to £47.6 million. CTVs remained Vestel's major product in terms of volume, while Vestel's strong market position was firmly consolidated in audio equipment and video recorders/players. New product ranges introduced included home computer, hi-fi and compact disc playing equipment and further extensions are planned.

The Textile Division recorded turnover of £24.6 million and profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £1.3 million. Despite market weaknesses in certain areas, considerable strides were made both during the year and subsequently with the expansion of the Division's presence in USA and Hong Kong by internal growth and acquisition. The Division now holds a significant position in the US and European markets and plans to develop these further.

Plans for the construction of a 5-star tourist hotel at Antalya in Southern Turkey have been finalised and the Group is to participate in a venture for the distribution of L'Oréal toiletries and cosmetics in Turkey.

Business during the current year has opened well. The Board looks forward to developing the international scope and balance of the Group's activities. Following the completion of the Asian project in Turkey, Group resources will increasingly be channelled into selective expansion in the UK, Europe and the Far East. As an indication of its confidence in the future, the Board has decided to recommend a scrip issue of 1 new ordinary share for every 5 held.

Copies of the full Chairman's statement may be obtained from the Secretary, Polly Peck International PLC, 81-91 Commercial Road, London E16 1RD.









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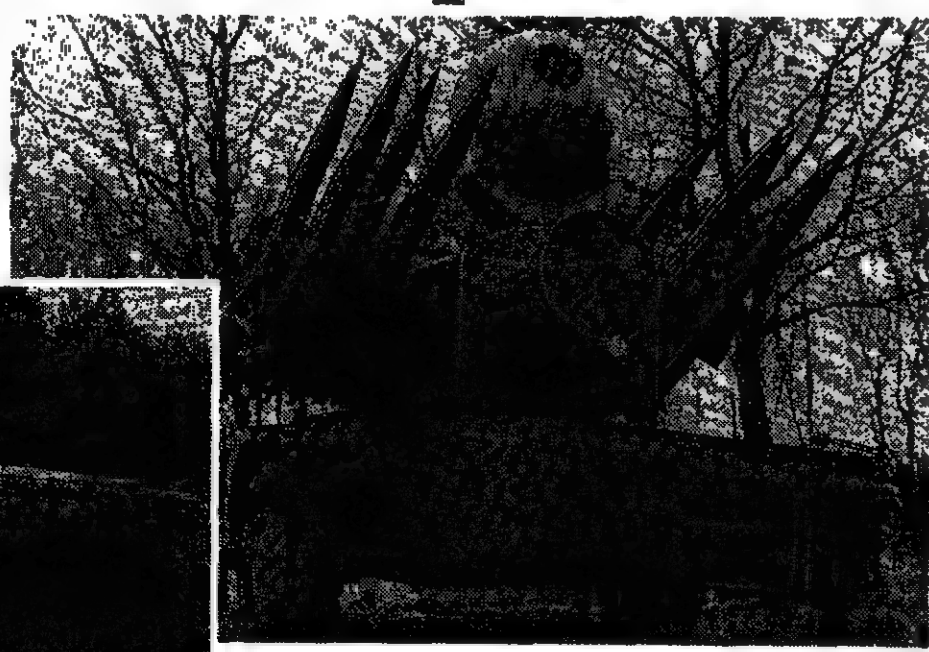
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## PLESSEY HOTLINE • PLESSEY H

# Plessey wins £75m radar contract for Rapier 2000

Plessey has been selected to supply the new surveillance and target acquisition radar for the Rapier 2000 air defence missile system recently ordered by the UK Ministry of Defence. The initial contract is worth over £75 million to Plessey but long term prospects for the



Rapier 2000 system promise significantly larger orders in the future.

The new radar, under development for more than five years, marks the Plessey entry into the growing market for low-level air defence systems. It will provide three-dimensional surveillance, target acquisition and tracking. It gives Rapier 2000 a precise

The Plessey radar (left) ordered for the Rapier 2000 system, and accurate means of acquiring targets, even in an electronic counter-measure environment, over a wide envelope of elevation, range, bearing and velocity. Plessey-developed technologies have proved to be fundamental to the new radar's design.

## ISDX wins more honours in Australia

Two of Australia's top universities have chosen Plessey ISDX private digital exchanges.

Monash University of Melbourne and Macquarie University of Sydney will receive their new systems - together worth around £500,000 - by the end of 1986.

Plessey ISDX data capability so impressed Monash they recommended it to Macquarie.

Only some weeks ago, another ISDX network customer, the National Road Motorists' Association of Sydney, won Australia's top information technology award for office automation.

Their network, comprising 18 interlinked ISDXs covering thousands of square miles in New South Wales with a control centre in Sydney, has enabled an increased call acceptance rate of over 50 per cent.

## Semics move ahead

At Electronics '86 recently, Plessey Semiconductors announced the introduction of more than fifty new products during the next six months.

These include bipolar gate arrays, converters and FM receiver systems, and also CMOS devices.

One bipolar device on display - a 3.5GHz prescaler - outperforms gallium arsenide equivalents for a quarter of their price.

Plessey believes that this is the first silicon device of its kind which can operate at such a high frequency. It represents a two-year lead in commercial and military markets.

link London and Edinburgh via Peterborough, York, Leeds and Newcastle. The second contract is for 30 terminals and five intermediate station equipments for Mercury network expansion.

**MERCURY ORDERS PLESSEY FIBRE OPTICS**

Two contracts for optical fibre transmission systems together worth approximately £1.5m have been awarded by Mercury Communications Limited to Plessey. Both orders are for System 565 - the Plessey 565 Mbit/s system which can carry 7680 simultaneous telephone calls or the equivalent in data or video over a single pair of optical fibres.

The first contract is to supply, install, test and commission systems for Mercury's East Coast network. This route will

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Shandwick Consultants:** Mr Richard Sennar has become chairman, with Mr Colin Tristram as deputy managing director, and Mr Robin Callender Smith, Mr Simon Clark and Mr Keith Lockwood as directors. Mr Tim Peardry will join the board on January 3.

**Gateway Building Society:** Mr John Crowe has been elected chairman, succeeding Lord Luke from January 1.

**Sharp Electronics (UK):** Mr T Inoue has become chairman, succeeding Mr T Misawa who becomes chairman of Sharp Electronics Corporation, USA.

**John Crowe**

**Mobil Oil Company:** Mr D J Riordan has been named finance director, succeeding Mr R L Howard.

**James Capel Bankers:** Mr R A Nigel Henley has been made managing director, succeeding Mr Rick Smith.

**Honeywell Control Systems:** Mr K H Urquhart becomes director, manufacturing automation.

**Midland Bank Equity Group:** Mr Hugh de Quervain has been appointed managing director, succeeding Mr John Bevoir.

**Mr Roger Heath, Mr David Hutchings and Mr Ian Taylor** become deputy managing directors. Mr John Brandon, Mr David Castles, Mr Dennis Freedman and Mr Alan Marsh are made executive directors.

**THE INTEC GROUP:** Results for the year to March 31 in 1986. Net turnover was 9,307 (10,456), trading loss was 257 (profit 304), loss before tax was 972 (581). Loss per share was 8.4p (3.6p).

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**More company news is on page 25**

**earnings per share** were 6.1p (4.27p). Demand for the group's products continues to grow and the company expects further improvement in the second half.

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**Lord Luke**

**Murray Johnstone:** Mr J Graham Barclay and Mr A Charles Clapperton have joined the board.

**Jetset Tours:** Mr Allan Deiler has been made managing director from January 1.

**Binder Hamlyn:** Mr Robert Mansfield has been admitted as a partner.

**London Metal Exchange:** Mr John Wolff has been elected chairman with Mr Clement Dain as vice-chairman.

**Allen Computers:** Mr Ray Pipe has been made managing director, succeeding Mr David Allen.

### COMPANY NEWS

**ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION SERVICES:** Figures in £000 for the year to April 30. No final dividend (1p). Turnover was 3,205 (3,481), loss before tax was 1,469 (146 profit), tax was 1 (9). Loss after tax was 1,470 (137 profit). Loss per share, net basis, was 20.57p (2.02p earning). Increased turnover and cost savings are expected to improve the position during second half of the year.

**GRAINGER TRUST:** Final dividend was 6.2p, making 8.0p

for the year to September 30. Figures in £000. Turnover was 7,134 (3,839), property expenses were 1,649 (1,368). Interest payable was 2,484 (2,081). Profit before tax was 2,518 (1,936), tax was 907 (765) and earnings per share were 32.4p on a weighted average (26.6p).

**MOUNTVIEW ESTATES:** Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Interim was 1p (same), turnover was 4,983 (4,131) and profit before tax was 3,241 (2,835). Tax was 1,296.

### MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

**Base Rates %**  
Clearing Bank 11  
Finance House 11½  
Discount Market Loans %  
Overnight High 11 Low 9  
Week fixed 10½

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**  
Buying Selling  
2 month 10½ 10½  
3 month 10½ 10½  
6 month 10½ 10½

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**  
1 month 10½-10½ 2 month 10½-10½  
3 month 10½-10½ 6 month 10½-10½

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**  
1 month 11½ 2 month 11½  
3 month 11½ 6 month 11½

**Interbank %**  
Overnight open 10½ close 8  
1 week 11-10½ 6 month 11½-11½  
1 month 11½-11½ 3 month 11½-11½  
3 month 11½-11½ 12 month 11½-11½

**Local Authority Deposits %**  
2 days 10½ 7 days 10½  
1 month 10½ 3 month 10½  
6 month 10½ 12 month 10½

**Local Authority Bonds %**  
1 month 11½-11½ 3 month 11½-11½  
3 month 11½-11½ 6 month 11½-11½  
6 month 11½-11½ 12 month 11½-11½

**Sterling Cds %**  
1 month 11½-11½ 3 month 11½-11½  
3 month 11½-11½ 6 month 11½-11½  
6 month 11½-11½ 12 month 11½-11½

**Dollar Cds %**  
1 month 8.25-8.30 3 month 8.00-8.05  
6 month 8.00-8.05 12 month 8.00-8.05

**Other Sterling Rates**  
Argentina dollar 1.8848-1.8918  
Australia dollar 2.1944-2.1977  
Bahrain dollar 0.3375-0.3415  
Brazil cruzeiro 20.2872-20.4051  
Cypriot pound 0.7260-0.7360  
Denmark 137.15-138.15  
Euro 11.1510-11.1570  
Hong Kong dollar 18.80-18.80  
Indian rupee 0.4185-0.4235  
Israeli sheqel 3.7132-3.7188  
Japanese yen 124.50-125.00  
New Zealand dollar 2.8052-2.8152  
Norwegian kroner 5.3475-5.3575  
Saudi Arabian riyal 3.1325-3.1365  
South African rand 3.1529-3.1577  
Swedish krona 5.2380-5.2780  
Swiss franc 2.3510-2.3558  
UAE dirham 3.6730-3.6770  
Yemeni rial 25.10-25.10

**Dollar Spot Rates**  
Island 1.3730-1.3780  
Singapore 2.1880-2.1930  
Malaysia 2.3845-2.3895  
Thailand 2.4775-2.4825  
Canada 1.3302-1.3352  
Sweden 8.6730-8.6830  
Norway 1.4775-1.4825  
Denmark 1.4650-1.4710  
West Germany 1.9755-1.9785  
Netherlands 1.6465-1.6515  
France 6.4700-6.4750  
Japan 162.30-162.80  
Italy 1.3705-1.3715  
Belgium (Comm) 47.05-47.10  
Hong Kong 7.7025-7.7070  
Portugal 207.40-207.90  
Spain 166.64-167.14  
Austria 13.76-13.86  
Australia 1.3880-1.3910

**FOREIGN EXCHANGES**  
Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 67.8 (day's range 67.5-68.1).

**STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES**

**Market rates day's range**  
December 3  
New York 1.5295-1.5330  
London 1.5295-1.5330  
Paris 1.5295-1.5330  
Frankfurt 1.5295-1.5330  
Lisbon 210.00-212.44  
Madrid 191.10-192.18  
Milan 1954.78-1960.44  
Oslo 10.6985-10.7348  
Paris 9.2462-9.2547  
Stockholm 9.8290-9.8719  
Tokyo 232.03-232.82  
Vienna 18.8768-18.9340  
Zurich 2.3510-2.3558

**RECENT ISSUES**

**EQUITIES**  
Avis Europe (250p) 291½ +½  
Baker Harris Sndr (170p) 194  
Bentham Echn (95p) 141 +1  
Bentham Echn (103p) 143  
Bryke Bros (125p) 151 +1  
Daniel S (150p) 158  
Fletcher King (175p) 178 -12  
Gest (125p) 153 -3  
Gest (16p) 43 -2  
Gordon Russell (190p) 206 -1  
Guthrie Corp (150p) 168  
Hale Horne & Goss (95p) 108  
Harrison (16p) 180

**Interlink Express (185p) 204 -3**  
**Lloyds Chemist (105p) 132 -2**  
**Lloyds Metropolitan (145p) 108 -2**  
**M & G Group 270 -2**  
**Macon Leisure (135p) 149½ -½**  
**Miss Sam Higgs (105p) 99 -5**  
**Plum Higgs (50p) 98 -1**  
**Quinto (115p) 98 -1**  
**Spencer 220 -1**  
**Sumit (135p) 140**  
**TSB Char Indus (70p) 70½ -½**  
**TSB Group (100p) 90 -1**  
**Virgin (140p) 138½ -½**  
**Walker (Alfred) 168**  
**Whitney Mackay (160p) 53 -2**  
**Wootton Better (104p) 53 -2**

**Ward Group (97p) 104 +1**

**RIGHTS ISSUES**  
Blackie Leisure N/P  
Cook WM N/P  
Glanfield N/P  
Lon Assc Inv F/P  
Norfolk Cav F/P  
Petrocan F/P  
Regalan N/P  
Throg Sec N/P  
Woodington N/P  
Walker (Alfred) 168  
(Issue price in brackets).

## ARGYLL GROUP PLC

INTERIM RESULTS: SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER

	1986 (unaudited) £m	1985 (unaudited) £m	
Turnover	986.0	917.6	+7%
Profit before taxation	36.3	29.8	+23%
Taxation	(12.0)	(8.9)	
	24.3	20.9	+16%
Earnings per share			
Actual tax	12.1p	10.4p	+16%
35% tax	11.7p	9.6p	+23%
Interim dividend per share	3.10p	2.65p	+17%

Excellent profit and net margin growth from the Food Division:

- Operating profit up 30%
- Net operating margin up from 3.09% to 3.75%

Current trading gives confidence that the Group will achieve its profit objectives for the year

Copies of the full Interim Report may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Argyll House, Millington Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4AY.

**ARGYLL GROUP PLC**



TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 22	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Dec 22	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 3/12/86  
GEC, Com. Gold, Parkdale, London Secs., Hanson Trust, Trust House Forte, Sainsbury, Turner & Newall, Pirelli & Cals, Sainsbury, Amstrad.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58
Mar 87	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58
Jun 87	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58
Dec 87	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58
Mar 88	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58
Jun 88	88.82	88.82	88.58	88.58	88.58

Previous day's total open interest 16184

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	93.94	93.94	93.92	93.94	93.94
Mar 87	94.10	94.10	94.05	94.05	94.05
Jun 87	94.05	94.10	94.05	94.05	94.05
Dec 87	93.98	93.98	93.92	93.92	93.92
Mar 88	93.98	93.98	93.92	93.92	93.92
Jun 88	93.98	93.98	93.92	93.92	93.92

Previous day's total open interest 25481

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	101.08	101.12	101.08	101.08	101.08
Mar 87	100.05	100.15	100.05	100.05	100.05
Jun 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Dec 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Mar 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Jun 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T

Previous day's total open interest 679

Short Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Mar 87	96.25	96.05	96.05	96.05	96.05
Jun 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Dec 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Mar 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Jun 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T

Previous day's total open interest 21934

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	108.05	108.14	107.18	107.18	107.18
Mar 87	108.11	108.24	107.18	107.18	107.18
Jun 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Dec 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Mar 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Jun 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T

Previous day's total open interest 22620

FT-SE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 15	163.00	163.50	161.75	162.85	162.85
Mar 87	163.25	163.50	161.75	162.85	162.85
Jun 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Dec 87	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Mar 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T
Jun 88	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T

Previous day's total open interest 2887

31 British companies win Nissan contracts

By David Young

New contracts have been placed to supply components for the Nissan cars produced in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, which means that more than 50 per cent of the cars will be sourced from Britain within a year of production starting.

The company, which started production in September, has placed contracts with 31 British companies and four companies in other European Economic Community member-countries for parts which will be introduced progressively to the Bluebird range this year and next.

By 1988, the cars will be considered to be British built, with 60 per cent of their content produced locally. By 1991, that level will reach 80 per cent.

At present, the plant is producing 24,000 cars a year, which will rise to 100,000 by 1991.

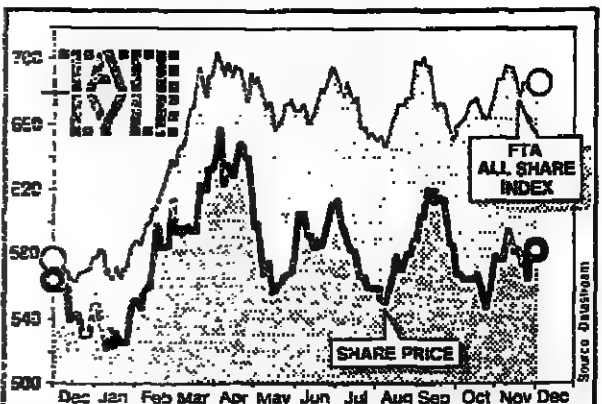
In brief

**LEEDS GROUP:** A final dividend of 4p has been declared, making 6.25p for the year (5.21p adjusted), on increased share capital for the year ended September 30. With figures in £000, turnover amounted to 14,157 (14,455), trading surplus 2,791 (2,436), depreciation 417 (431), profit before tax 2,374 (2,005) and tax 902 (859). Earnings per share were 19.7p (15.3p). During the year a further £1 million has been added to the company's strong cash position. This enables the acquisition of Walsden and a number of new capital investment projects to be financed without recourse to borrowing. The group says it expects to benefit on balance from the lower value of sterling and this year has opened with some promise in several areas. The shares were 195p, up 4p.

**COALITE GROUP:** Results for the six months to September 30 include an interim dividend of 2.25p (2p) and, with figures in £000, turnover was 182,470 (209,753), operating profit after depreciation 3,204 (3,311), interest and similar income receivable 4,438 (3,520). Profit before tax amounted to 14,408 (13,241) and tax totalled 5,181 (5,561). Earnings per share were 10.73p (8.93p). The board says the most significant feature of the year so far is the acquisition of the Hargreaves Group which provides the company with a firm basis for expansion and growth. The senior management of Coalite and Hargreaves are working together to bring about a successful integration of the combined company. The results from Hargreaves were consolidated from November 1. The company says it is expecting a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole, subject to the usual hazards of the winter weather and consumer demand.

Tate seeks a sweeter success

TEMPUS



The most important item on the Tate & Lyle corporate agenda is the impending report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the fate of the British Sugar Corporation.

All eyes are therefore focused more on Westminster than on the company to see if perhaps Tate & Lyle will be allowed to bid for the prize it thought it could never have.

Yesterday's preliminary results, however, were more than just a minor diversion. They show that many of the areas Tate & Lyle is involved in are going in the right direction and that it has diversified to the point that it can withstand a crippling sugar price war without being brought to its knees.

British Sugar's efforts to win market share for its low cost beet production in Britain reduced Tate's sugar refining profits, where the high cost of cane puts it at a competitive disadvantage, from £12.3 million to £4.1 million in the year to September 27.

A turnaround in sugar trading, an excellent result from the American sugar operation and improvements elsewhere more than offset this, however, and the group increased pretax profits by 6 per cent to £81.5 million.

In 1987, the sugar refining profit in Britain will improve significantly. British Sugar has given up the fight for market share and is concentrating on profits again. And in the US, acquisitions will boost Tate's sugar earnings.

In the longer term, Tate & Lyle has its new low calorie sweetener, Sucralose, which it has been developing for the last eight years. It should soon be in a position to submit it to government agencies for approval, but it is unlikely to contribute to profits until late 1988.

Tate should make about £95 million pretax this year, analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, is looking for £87 million pretax for the full year.

Smith & Nephew

Strong consumer brands like Nivea, good growth in personal hygiene products and high margins from its medical and health care products allow the smooth and steady upward progression of Smith & Nephew Associated Companies profits to continue. At the third quarter stage, the company reported pretax profit up 22.8 per cent to £58.2 million for the 40 weeks to October 4.

Earnings, however, are not growing quite so fast, up just 18.8 per cent to 4.68p.

The fly in the ointment is, it concerns the £192.7 million acquisition of Richardson Medical, the US company, last August for a mixture of cash and shares. This will dilute earnings for the next year at least, while there will be a higher tax charge in the United States.

All the Smith & Nephew traditional strengths remain, however, and Jennifer McGregor, pharmaceuticals

Northern Foods

The recent EEC pronouncement that the Milk Marketing Board was breaking the rules with its differential pricing policy has cast a dark cloud over companies with commercial dairy interests. However, Northern Foods is not unduly gloomy.

It is not heavily involved in the processing of milk for butter or hard cheese, the market segments particularly affected by the European Commission's ruling. Moreover, it believes that its emphasis on high quality products such as liquid milk and cream places it in a strong buying position which would be enhanced if the board were to be disbanded.

The conclusion of this issue is some way off, but nervousness on the subject should keep predators at bay.

Mrs Edwina Curry would not be overly impressed with Northern Foods' portfolio of products but people appear to be prepared to commit themselves only so far to healthy eating.

The trend towards consumption of low-fat milk is slowing. At Northern Foods it accounts for 15 per cent of liquid milk sales — a few percentage points below average. Margins are no lower than on normal milk.

However, the market is now flooded with cream. Lower prices have stimulated demand which is up by 7 per cent but has affected margins. However, although people are eating less butter it appears they are eating more cream. Northern Foods sales of cream-topped trifles to Marks and Spencer have, for instance, increased by 40 per cent.

Biscuits and meat products are also doing well. The Classic biscuit has been well received.

Acquisitions in Britain will be hard to find since there are others around equally keen to pick up good opportunities. Avana remains a taboo subject although there is a clear synergy. However, with gearing set to be under 20 per cent by the year end, there is scope to do something big.

Northern Foods is keen to keep some exposure to the US although the market is unlikely to encourage it to do anything dramatic.

The group still commands the City's respect. On a forecast of £75 million the shares are on a p/e ratio of 11.9 which seems fair enough. However, a combination of mishaps in the last few years has left a nasty taste in the mouth. The direction the group plans to move in will need to be more apparent or else its position as a blue chip may be in jeopardy.

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Cable					Pots					
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul		
Allied Lyons (301)	300	13	22	30	15	17	23	—	—	—	Jan 1989	
	350	1	9	—	—	58	70	—	—	—	(519)	
BP (577)	620	88	103	—	1	10	—	—	—	—	Thom Ball (472)	
	650	43	50	82	6	28	36	—	—	—		
	700	13	32	50	26	55	63	—	—	—	(750)	
Cons Gold (838)	550	102	125	—	3	18	—	—	—	—	Tesco (432)	
	600	70	80	104	12	25	33	—	—	—		
	650	35	50	75	35	47	57	—	—	—		
Courtaulds (315)	260	57	68	—	5	2	—	—	—	—		
	280	48	58	—	4	2	—	—	—	—		
	300	21	37	48	8	9	14	—	—	—		
	330	8	19	29	21	26	30	—	—	—		
Com Union (207)	260	11	20	27	10	17	21	—	—	—	Brit Airo (437)	
	300	4	11	19	25	33	38	—	—	—		
	350	1	6	13	4	4	5	—	—	—	BAT Inds (452)	
Cable & Wire (320)	300	29	40	52	6	18	28	—	—	—		
	325	15	25	—	18	29	—	—	—	—		
	350	9	17	—	35	45	—	—	—	—		
	375	1	—	—	55	—	—	—	—	—	Barclays (474)	
GEC (168)	180	16	22	28	4	6	8	—	—	—	Brit Telecom (194)	
	200	6	11	17	17	20	22	—	—	—		
	300	1	5	9	35	38	38	—	—	—	Cadbury Schweppes (183)	
Grand Met (458)	360	105	110	—	1	1	—	—	—	—		
	400	79	810	—	1	3	—	—	—	—		
	450	47	52	—	20	20	—	—	—	—		
	490	38	38	53	20	30	35	—	—	—		
KCI (1108)	1050	122	167	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	Guinness (278)	
	1050	123	140	183	3	18	18	—	—	—		
	1050	79	103	125	3	18	22	—	—	—		
	1100	57	58	103	22	45	45	—	—	—		
Land Sec (342)	300	47	57	84	1	3	7	—	—	—	Ladbroke (167)	
	330	21	34	41	6	11	14	—	—	—		
	350	5	15	23	24	29	35	—	—	—	LAGRO (148)	
Morris & Spn (123)	190	11	20	26	4	8	10	—	—	—	Midland Bank (161)	
	200	3	11	16	18	22	24	—	—	—		
	220	1	5	9	36	40	41	—	—	—	P & O (208)	
Shell Trans (250)	550	112	130	148	2	14	23	—	—	—	Recal (117)	
	600	70	80	104	12	25	33	—	—	—		
	650	35	50	75	35	45	53	—	—	—	RITZ (509)	
Trafalgar House (255)	250	13	22	28	9	18	21	—	—	—	Unit Rents (17)	
	280	8	14	19	25	32	35	—	—	—		
	300	3	7	12	42	45	49	—	—	—		
TBS (77)	70	9	12	14	1	2	3	—	—	—		
	80	3	7	9	9	9	9	—	—	—		
	90	1	2	5	14	14	14	—	—	—		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun					
Beecham (418)	350	50	73	—	1	2	—	—	—	—		
	400	30	48	60	2	8	13	—	—	—		
	480	8	20	40	9	22	30	—	—	—		
	490	1	12	20	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Boots (229)	200	30	40	48	1	3	4	—	—	—		
	220	13	26	32	2	10	18	—	—	—		
	240	3	15	21	21	15	19	—	—	—		
BTR (258)	280	4	1	—	21	14	20	—	—	—		
	300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	307	1	—	—	60	—	—	—	—	—		
Bass (721)	650	80	90	105	2	8	18	—	—	—		
	700	35	55	72	14	20	25	—	—	—		
	750	10	30	50	40	48	60	—	—	—		
Bus Circle (638)	600	45	73	93	4	11	20	—	—	—		
	650	13	42	83	33	35	43	—	—	—		
	700	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
De Beers (780)	950	135	155	—	2	13	—	—	—	—		
	1000	80	125	140	3	23	35	—	—	—		
	750	50	85	110	10	45	60	—	—	—		
	800	17	63	82	28	38	45	—	—	—		
Dixons (328)	300	32	48	60	2	8	10	—	—	—		
	330	8	28	44	6	16	20	—	—	—		
	360	1	15	19	30	32	34	—	—	—		
DKN (278)	240	18	28	34	2	9	18	—	—	—		
	260	5	14	18	20	24	28	—	—	—		
	280	7	18	22	13	17	22	—	—	—		
	300	2	10	12	28	31	34	—	—	—		
Glaxo (921)	900	35	79	107	7	30	40	—	—	—		
	950	5	50	80	35	53	64	—	—	—		
	1000	2	32	50	85	90	97	—	—	—		
	1050	1	16	28	80	88	95	—	—	—		
Hanson (181)	180	18	20	28	1	6	9	—	—	—		
	200	10	10	10	15	16	16	—	—	—		
	220	2	4	5	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	240	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	260	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	280	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	300	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	320	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	340	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	360	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	380	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	400	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	420	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	520	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	560	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	580	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	600	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	640	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	660	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	680	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	700	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	720	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	740	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	760	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	780	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	800	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	820	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	840	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	860	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	880	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	900	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	940	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	960	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	980	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1000	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1020	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1040	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1060	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1080	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1100	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1120	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1140	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1160	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1180	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1200	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1220	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	1260	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1280	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1300	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1320	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1340	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1360	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1380	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
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	1440	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1460	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1480	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1500	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1520	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1540	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1560	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1580	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1600	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1620	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1640	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1660	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1680	3	3	3	17	20	21	—	—	—		
	1700	3	3	3	17	20	21					

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5	Chemings	Industrials A-D	
6	Abbey	Building, Roads	
7	Alfred Text	Textiles	
8	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
9	Bryson	Oil	
10	Nottingham Brck	Building, Roads	
11	Kelley Ind	Industrials E-K	
12	McCarthy & S	Building, Roads	
13	Union	Bank, Discount	
14	Peatless	Industrials L-R	
15	Assoc Paper	Paper, Print, Adv	
16	Nat Aust Bk	Bank, Discount	
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18	Bernards	Industrials A-D	
19	Harling	Industrials S-Z	
20	Nichols (JN) (Vint)	Food	
21	Torrid	Building, Roads	
22	S A Breweries	Breweries	
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25	Tricels	Industrials S-Z	
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34	Bulmer & Lamb	Textiles	
35	Lon Midland	Industrials L-R	
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37	Cutemps	Newspapers, Pub	
38	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
39	HTV NV	Consumer TV	
40	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
41	Applodon	Industrials A-D	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	TOTAL

BRITISH FUNDS						
1986	High	Low	Close	Price	Change	% P/E
129	100	95	100	100	0	100
130	100	95	100	100	0	100
131	100	95	100	100	0	100
132	100	95	100	100	0	100
133	100	95	100	100	0	100
134	100	95	100	100	0	100
135	100	95	100	100	0	100
136	100	95	100	100	0	100
137	100	95	100	100	0	100
138	100	95	100	100	0	100
139	100	95	100	100	0	100
140	100	95	100	100	0	100
141	100	95	100	100	0	100
142	100	95	100	100	0	100
143	100	95	100	100	0	100
144	100	95	100	100	0	100
145	100	95	100	100	0	100
146	100	95	100	100	0	100
147	100	95	100	100	0	100
148	100	95	100	100	0	100
149	100	95	100	100	0	100
150	100	95	100	100	0	100

SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
1986	High	Low	Close	Price	Change	% P/E
151	100	95	100	100	0	100
152	100	95	100	100	0	100
153	100	95	100	100	0	100
154	100	95	100	100	0	100
155	100	95	100	100	0	100
156	100	95	100	100	0	100
157	100	95	100	100	0	100
158	100	95	100	100	0	100
159	100	95	100	100	0	100
160	100	95	100	100	0	100
161	100	95	100	100	0	100
162	100	95	100	100	0	100
163	100	95	100	100	0	100
164	100	95	100	100	0	100
165	100	95	100	100	0	100
166	100	95	100	100	0	100
167	100	95	100	100	0	100
168	100	95	100	100	0	100
169	100	95	100	100	0	100
170	100	95	100	100	0	100

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
1986	High	Low	Close	Price	Change	% P/E
171	100	95	100	100	0	100
172	100	95	100	100	0	100
173	100	95	100	100	0	100
174	100	95	100	100	0	100
175	100	95	100	100	0	100
176	100	95	100	100	0	100
177	100	95	100	100	0	100
178	100	95	100	100	0	100
179	100	95	100	100	0	100
180	100	95	100	100	0	100
181	100	95	100	100	0	100
182	100	95	100	100	0	100
183	100	95	100	100	0	100
184	100	95	100	100	0	100
185	100	95	100	100	0	100
186	100	95	100	100	0	100
187	100	95	100	100	0	100
188	100	95	100	100	0	100
189	100	95	100	100	0	100
190	100	95	100	100	0	100

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
1986	High	Low	Close	Price	Change	% P/E
191	100	95	100	100	0	100
192	100	95	100	100	0	100
193	100	95	100	100	0	100
194	100	95	100	100	0	100
195	100	95	100	100	0	100
196	100	95	100	100	0	100
197	100	95	100	100	0	100
198	100	95	100	100	0	100
199	100	95	100	100	0	100
200	100	95	100	100	0	100
201	100	95	100	100	0	100
202	100	95	100	100	0	100
203	100	95	100	100	0	100
204	100	95	100	100	0	100
205	100	95	100	100	0	100
206	100	95	100	100	0	100
207	100	95	100	100	0	100
208	100	95	100	100	0	100
209	100	95	100	100	0	100
210	100	95	100	100	0	100

UNDATED						
1986	High	Low	Close	Price	Change	% P/E
211	100	95	100	100	0	100
212	100	95	100	100	0	100
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Over-capacity looms in background as merger talks begin

# Leyland seeks way out of commercial gloom

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Depressed sales of commercial vehicles and severe over-capacity of about 40 per cent in truck-making underline the crucial nature of the talks now taking place to settle the future of the Rover Group's loss-making Leyland trucks operation.

The discussions, still at an early stage, are taking place with DAF Trucks, the Netherlands manufacturer, and Paccar, based in Seattle, which bought Foden from the British receiver in 1980.

Gloomy European prospects have already driven General Motors and Ford to retreat. Ford has sold off its European truck plant at Langley in Britain to a company in which it has a 49 per cent holding, matched by a similar holding by Iveco, a subsidiary of Italy's Fiat. The joint company is Iveco Ford Truck.

And GM will stop making medium and heavy Bedford trucks at its Luton plant by the year end, emphasizing how badly Leyland, a minnow in West European terms, needs to find a place in a bigger grouping.

Since GM's bid to take over the Leyland trucks operation collapsed, the search for a solution has continued. The first sign came in September when a marketing deal was struck with DAF.

Since Leyland launched its light Roadrunner truck two

years ago, it has improved its market share in Britain to a 17 per cent lead although it is still hard-pressed, particularly by Ford and Mercedes Benz.

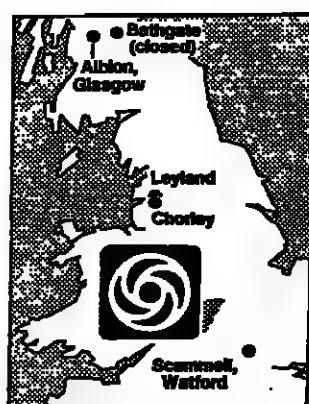
Its problem has been a lack of success in attempting to break into European markets historically neglected by Leyland when old colonial markets still accounted for much of its exports.

Under the DAF deal, about 2,000 Leyland vehicles are expected to be sold next year through DAF's 500 dealers on the Continent.

The Roadrunner, the heaviest vehicle, which can still be driven without a heavy commercial vehicle licence in Britain, slots neatly into the DAF truck portfolio since the Dutch company, whose strength is in heavy trucks, decided not to build vehicles below 10 tonnes gross vehicle weight. It will also sell Freight Rover Sherpa vans.

The deal demonstrates how a closer association like a merger would make sense for both Leyland and DAF even though there would be some overlap among the heavier truck ranges. Freight Rover is not being included in the talks either with DAF or Paccar.

DAF's market share in Western Europe last year stood at slightly more than 4.5 per cent while Leyland was almost at 4 per cent. The two together would rank among



the top half-dozen European makers, ahead of Sweden's Scania and close on the heels of the other big Swedish manufacturer, Volvo.

Daimler Benz has rather more than 26 per cent of the European market, Iveco close on 15 per cent and Renault more than 10 per cent.

The talks between DAF and Leyland on closer collaboration are the most advanced at present. Paccar has only just started its studies, according to the Rover Group and the expectation is that if the US manufacturer makes a move it will be a clear takeover bid.

Seattle is playing its cards close to its chest but a possible attraction in Leyland is that it could give Paccar a stronger base from which to attack the European market.

Paccar is best known as a heavy truck manufacturer and for its Kenworth and Peterbilt ranges. Foden at Sandbach in Cheshire now produces specialist trucks; one of its bigger recent contracts was for several hundred recovery vehicles for the British Army.

What is clear is that the Leyland trucks operation faces restructuring, undoubtedly involving job losses, whether the solution to its difficulties lies with DAF or Paccar.

When Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced the talks with the two foreign makers this week, he emphasized that restructuring was inevitable if Leyland trucks stayed as it was.

This is emphasized by the financial results of the trucks subsidiary. The trucks operation had a half-year operating loss, before tax and interest, of £21.1 million in the first part of this year. This was the first time the Rover Group broke down the figures for the trucks subsidiary but the haemorrhage has clearly been going on for some time.

Where the jobs are would fall would depend on whatever strategy is finally adopted for Leyland.

There are three main manufacturing locations: the key assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, the Albion axle-making plant at Glasgow, and the Scammell factory at Watford, Hertfordshire.

A radical restructuring inevitably seems the price the Leyland operation will have to pay to stay, with any credibility, in a truck race which seems likely to see even more casualties.

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## Strict liability in goshawk offence

**Kirkland v Robinson**  
Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Tudor Evans  
[Judgment December 2]

Section 1(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which provides that "if any person has in his possession or control (a) any live or dead wild bird... shall be guilty of an offence" created an offence of strict liability so that it was not necessary for the prosecutor to adduce evidence of guilty knowledge.

Accordingly, the defendant's honest and reasonable belief that the birds were bred in captivity and were therefore not wild birds for the purposes of the Act could not afford a defence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, upholding a decision of Ashton-under-Lyne Justices who on April 10, 1985, found the defendant Eric Kirkland guilty of offences under the Act upon information laid by the prosecutor, Peter John Robinson, senior investigations officer of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Mr Roderick Carrus for the defendant; Mr Mark Love for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN

## One error can be misconduct

**Regina v Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Ex parte Sokoh**

A single serious error was capable of constituting misconduct for the purpose of disciplinary proceedings under section 8 of the Pharmacy Act 1954. The word "misconduct" did not necessarily connote moral censure; it meant no more than incorrect or erroneous conduct of any kind of a serious nature.

Mr Justice Webster so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on December 3, dismissing an application for judicial review by a registered pharmacist who was reprimanded by the statutory committee for professional misconduct in failing to check with a doctor a prescription for Bromprion mixture which was unclear in certain respects and contained a very large dose of pethidine.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was unhelpful to define "misconduct" by any adjective having moral overtones.

A single act of negligence could in principle constitute misconduct. If the word had to be defined then it meant incorrect or erroneous conduct of any kind, provided that it was of a serious nature.

The statutory committee had power to reprimand the pharmacist under paragraph 25(d) of the Pharmaceutical Society (Statutory Committee) Order of Council (SI 1978 No 20), having found that he was guilty of professional misconduct, but that the misconduct was not such as to render him unfit to have his name on the register.

BROWN said that the information alleged that between June 14 and 27, 1983 the defendant had in his possession four wild birds, namely four goshawks, contrary to section 1(2)(a) of the Act.

The justices found that goshawks were wild birds within the meaning of the Act and that they were lawfully in captivity if they had been (i) imported under licence, (ii) taken from the wild by licence or (iii) bred in captivity from birds that were lawfully in captivity.

On June 14 the defendant obtained the goshawks from a Mr Butterworth and registered that transfer with the Department of the Environment as progeny of a joint breeding project between one of his birds and one of Mr Butterworth's birds.

However the four birds were not bred in captivity within the definition in the 1981 Act since they had not been lawfully bred by Mr Butterworth from captive birds belonging to him, nor had they been imported under licence or taken from the wild by licence.

The defendant made a submission of no case to answer on the ground that possession within the meaning of the Act did not mean possession

simpliciter but meant that he needed to know all the qualities of that which he had in his possession.

He contended that in the circumstances of the case an honest and reasonable belief that the birds were bred from defence and that the prosecution were under an obligation to adduce evidence of guilty knowledge if they wished to establish a case.

The justices rejected that submission and accepted the contention of the prosecutor that in the absence of any definition of possession in the Act it was only necessary to adduce evidence to show that the defendant was in physical possession of the birds and that they were wild birds as defined.

The justices therefore rejected the submission of no case to answer and the defendant did not call or give evidence.

The defendant now submitted that *mens rea* was an essential ingredient of the Act and that the justices were in error in deciding that it was not. He argued that the consequences of the conviction were so serious having regard to the provisions for forfeiture contained in the Act that it had to be assumed

that Parliament did not intend to exclude liability.

The prosecution said that section 1(2)(a) of the Act created an offence of strict liability. The statute provided certain defences and it was also provided in the structure of the Act that licences might be granted to persons or organizations for specific purposes and that if anything was done in accordance with the terms of the licences section 1 did not apply.

In his Lordship's view there was no doubt that Parliament intended the offence created by section 1(1) to be an offence of strict liability. Section 1(1) had the word "intentionally" but section 1(2) did not, and section 1(2) had a statutory defence in section 1(3).

There had to be an absolute prohibition on the doing of certain acts which were against the public welfare. The 1981 Act was to protect the environment and therefore was of social importance.

Those who possessed wild birds were to be at risk to show that their possession was lawful possession.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.  
Solicitors: Winter Wilkinson, St Neots; Pluck Andrew & Co, Hyde.

## Destruction of seized goods

judicial review of the decision of Uxbridge Justices to commit the applicants, David Richard Sofer and Howard Freckleton, for trial in respect of alleged offences contrary to section 68(2) of the 1979 Act.

Mr Jeremy Gompertz for the applicants; Mr Keith Simpson for the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said the case of *R v Lushington, Ex parte Otto* ([1984] 1 QB 430) was cited as authority for the proposition that the prosecution was under an overriding duty to preserve evidence. While that was no doubt a desirable standard, it was not always possible to apply.

Evidential exhibits sometimes went astray. Sometimes it was only by their destruction that one could get at the evidence. In those circum-

stances it was customary to rely on secondary evidence.

In this case there were photographs. The commissioners considered that they were adequate for a jury to reach a conclusion one way or the other as to whether the aircraft parts which were the subject matter of the offence alleged were in fact, usable aircraft parts, or were scrap as the applicants asserted.

The justices had accepted that and it was not possible to say that they could not as a matter of law have reached the conclusion they did.

MR JUSTICE PETER PAIN, agreeing, said that Mr Justice Wright in the case of *R v Lushington, Ex parte Otto* had stated the principle too widely, more so than was necessary for the decision in that case. That decision could not square with the provisions of the 1979 Act.  
Solicitors: Reynolds Dawson, Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

## 'Grates and stoves' updated

of Mr Justice Gatehouse who, on March 7, 1986, had allowed the owners' appeal from a decision of arbitrators and had held that the phrase was to be construed as referring only to the cost of fuel used for crew's domestic heating.

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unkindly described as "any other fuel-consuming indulgences that the crew may be allowed".

There was no basis for requiring the owners to pay for the cost of fuel used to run an air-conditioning plant when it was blowing hot but not when it was blowing cold.

Clause 20 was intended to extend the owners' liability to all fuel used for crew domestic purposes, whether lighting, heating, cooking or crew "indulgences".

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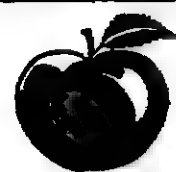
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The provision in the section 1(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, which states that the court may, in the exercise of its discretion, order the release of a person on bail, is subject to the condition that the person is not a dangerous person.

In the case of *R v. [Name]*, the court considered whether the defendant was a dangerous person. The court found that the defendant was not a dangerous person and therefore ordered his release on bail.

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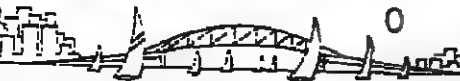
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Department of Clinical Oncology

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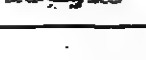
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This comment on the Open University's effective manager course by a quality assurance executive spells out the message that retraining is vital, both to industry and to individual careers. If your organization is tardy, the initiative must rest with you.

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Career development loans are available from Barclays, Clydeside and the Co-operative Banks for people on vocational courses lasting from a week to a year. No interest is payable until up to three months after you complete the course. The scheme, introduced for a three-year trial, is initially open to anyone living or hoping to study in Aberdeen, Bath, Bristol, Greater Manchester, Reading or Slough.

Locating the right course is important. If computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacture (CAD/CAM) is your field, take care that the one you choose has the right material. Potential students are warned by Dr Ernest Warman, managing director of the CAD/CAM Association: "Some polytechnics are processing people who are no use to companies because the courses lack the right content. They are using CAD/CAM as a catch-all."

'My purpose is to attract  
good quality graduates'

So his association has been vetting and accrediting retraining courses, and the results are to be published in a free handbook available to non-members in January. A catalogue for CAD/CAM Association members was produced earlier this year.

You could use Prestel to see which of the thousands of short schemes the Department of Education and Science offers through PICKUP (Professional, Commercial and Industrial Updating) would be most relevant. These cover new technology, skills, methods and materials for people from boardroom to shopfloor. Alternatively, contact your regional PICKUP organizer.

Consider also the opportunities offered by universities, polytechnics and colleges. One of the most positive is the Integrated Graduate Development Scheme at the University of Warwick, which came out top in the grants review of last spring. With 600 students, this is the largest postgraduate programme in Europe.

It is run by Professor Kumar

Retraining is vital  
both in industry  
and careers, and it  
may be best to make  
the moves yourself,  
says Sally Watts

Bhattacharyya, Lucas professor of Manufacturing Systems, who started it with a colleague in response to the Finniston Report, to combat the huge turnover of new graduates in industry when they were hit by "the shock of manufacturing".

He says: "My purpose is to attract good quality graduates to industry, to convert them to what manufacturing requires and to retrain them." Management have helped to develop the programmes, which started with Lucas and BL staff and now include, among others, Rolls-Royce, British Aerospace, Short Brothers and GKN.

The modular courses, on information technology in manufacturing or manufacturing systems, leads to an MSc degree via continuous assessment and a project. Most are in their twenties and all are sponsored; some middle managers also do the course; others take short, tailored ones. People at board level study defined subjects - the future of manufacturing, for example.

Graduates who would benefit from the scheme, but lack sponsorship, should apply to Warwick for a Science and Engineering Research Council scholarship, says Professor Bhattacharyya, or try to join a company that will sponsor them.

Modular courses are specially adapted to those who can spare little time away from work. At Surrey University, Michael Bader, Dean for Continuing Education, is looking at ways to use them more flexibly, believing a national system must develop in which credits are interchangeable between colleges. Others foresee mixed-source credits - obtained from evening class, summer school, distance learning or whatever - counting towards a qualification.

There is always something new for students who want to work and study simultaneously. For instance, there are two relatively new distance learning management courses from Henley and Brunel, leading to an MSc. Or take open learning. This year the Open Business School - whose slogan is "management that leave time for management" - has two additions, Managing People, and Planning and Managing Change. Both take up to five hours' study a week for six months, and count towards the school's management diploma.

Other subjects include effective management, marketing, personnel selection, accounting and finance. A chartered engineer wrote of the latter: "It has given me the financial and account-

ing background traditionally lacking in the conventional qualification."

Open learning also includes the imaginative Open Tech, for technicians and supervisors wanting to learn new skills at their own pace and place, and next September a new addition will be the Manpower Services Commission's Open College, to broadcast education programmes on television and radio, both BBC and independent, and so provide more opportunities for retraining and career enhancement.

For engineers, scientists or managers, preferably with a degree, the Open University's SATUP (Scientific and Technological Updating Programme) offers a postgraduate diploma or second degree. For this, students select eight of 22 subjects in two categories - manufacturing, and industrial applications of computers. Those who are unsponsored can apply for a Panasonic Trust grant. Alternatively, students can study just one or two subjects relevant to their career.

"People come here to reorientate their career and few go back to their old company," says a professor of the Cranfield School of Management. He was discussing students - generally in the late twenties - who put themselves through the intensive one-year, full-time Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Very few are sponsored, but a cheap rate loan may be available from the British Graduates Association.

If you take the part-time MBA degree at the Cranfield School of Management, you can continue working and attend for two years on alternate Fridays and Saturdays. There are also seminars of a few days to teach particular skills, such as preparing marketing plans or using finance in the boardroom, and a young management programme for ambitious new executives.

Elusive but essential  
quality of confidence

Other useful schemes include the MSC's Access to information technology, available at evenings and weekends, to give general grounding with practical experience and, for a somewhat different market, the Open University's diploma course, to equip secondary school teachers to introduce technology into the curriculum, even though they have little prior knowledge of the subject. This will start in 1987.

For would-be achievers who lack the elusive but essential quality of confidence, the training specialist Eleanor Macdonald has produced a tape with guidance and ideas in four areas: using self-knowledge to build a profile; projecting yourself and communicating; acquiring confidence through speech, poise and thought; harmonizing your aims and objectives; and working successfully with others.

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Honeyghan, the Master of Disaster, who fulfilled his date with destiny

# Boxing legend who would rather make love, not war

His time last year, Lloyd Honeyghan was another hopeful challenger for the world welterweight boxing championship. The holder was Donald "The Cobra" Curry, popularly considered to be pound-for-pound the best boxer in the world. Today, Honeyghan is the undisputed world champion. The only undisputed champion there is, a point he rams home with touching regularity.

What happened has now passed into sporting folklore. The no-hoper from Bermingham went over to Atlantic City and came out firing on all cylinders. The pound-for-pound best boxer in the world plodded out with a fistful of pounds too many. He probably didn't even know his opponent's name. The rest is, to coin a phrase, history.

"I said at the Press conference before the fight that it was my destiny to be world champion. They all laughed but that just made me think that he who laughs last laughs best. I've known that I was going to be world champion since I was 14."

Since becoming world champion, Honeyghan has been in demand. He has just returned from his native Jamaica where he took part in a "Get High On Life" campaign, and where he was presented with the Prime Minister's Award, the highest honour in the land. And tonight he is saluted as the Sports Writers' Association Sportsman of the Year, ahead of Crum, Thompson, Coe, Linaker, Andries and the rest.

## 'Kids look up to me because I beat a legend'

The day we met him, he was making a personal appearance in aid of Spelthorne Against Drugs, a local community campaign. Needless to say, the schools were empty that day. By the time we left, he had written "With love, Lloyd" on more scraps of paper than he would care to remember. That same evening he was opening a youth club in Tulse Hill after a request by the Brixton police.

"All this stuff is good because young kids look up to me and to see me working with the police on something like this sets a good example. I don't drink, smoke or take drugs. The occasional glass of wine doesn't hurt anyone."

"Kids these days need heroes and there aren't many around. They look up to me because I beat a legend." He thought for a minute before adding: "I'm a legend, the undisputed champion of the world."

For a black youngster growing up in the sixties, there could only really be one contender for the title of hero: Muhammad Ali. The combination of talent, pride and an arrogance borne out of supreme self-confidence proved irresistible to millions. "When I was young I used to fight like Ali. You know, the shuffle and everything. People used to come to the shows and go crazy, chanting, 'Ali, Ali,' because that was the way I used to box."

Regardless of what the crowds chanted, young Honeyghan soon got himself a reputation. He may call himself the Master of Disaster now but then he was just called flash. In the conservative world of amateur boxing, the sight of a loudmouthed black kid — the shuffle was not the only thing he got from Ali — sporting a personalized dressing gown was not one designed to inspire admiration. When the dressing gown came off and the fancy footwork started, things got worse. That he kept winning added insult to injury.

At win he did. It was, after all, "his destiny". The discipline and dedication seemed to come easily, too. "I used to go climbing, I had to hold back a little but I don't think that I missed out on anything."

"I love dancing, though, and it was good because it helped with the boxing and the boxing helped with the dancing, for fitness. I don't do that any more. Women. After the Curry bout, there was as much talk of Honeyghan's conquests outside the ring as there were of those inside. An image was painted of a man whose idea of training was bedroom-based and whose sparring partners were of the strictly feminine variety. A batch of children was produced as evidence."

Lloyd? "Well, that's the Press for you. What can I do if they want to print things like that? Sure, I like women, just like everybody else. I love women. There's no two ways about it. When I was younger, yeah, sure I used to make love, go training, make love, fight and then make love when I'd finished. But

now I'm champion of the world, I can't do that. I've got to set an example to young kids. But I'm not reformed. I'm the same Lloyd Honeyghan. I'm not changing for anyone, but I'm world champion now."

What do you do outside boxing? "Make love."

Women and children are the least of Honeyghan's problems. Aged 26, he has achieved his life's work. Everything has been a build-up to one thing and it's now been done. With it has come wealth and fame that must have been beyond the wildest dreams of the nine-year-old boy who first stepped off the plane from Jamaica. Will life ever be the same? Will it ever have meaning? More to the point, will he be able to handle the changes?

## 'This business isn't going to change me'

"People like John Conteh do what they did because of the pressures of the managers. I don't think it's the lifestyle. When you know that you're a good fighter and you know you're not doing all you want to do and setting all you want to get... it's a lot of pressure. I used to have that with Terry Lawless. I could control it but it was getting to me. When I left him, I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown."

Mentioning the name of Lawless to Honeyghan elicits the same reaction as going up to Norman Tebbit and whispering "BBC" in his ear. Honeyghan is now managed by Mickey Duff, a close associate of the Lawless camp.

But how will he handle the money and those attendant pressures? "The money will get me a better house and a better car but the figures that you read in the papers... I read that I once got £170,000. I tell you, if I really got that kind of money, I wouldn't be sitting here now."

"When I stop doing this, in a couple of years, I want to become a trainer or a manager because I love boxing. I would like to show young boxers the right way, in the ring and outside it. I could never do to young kids what people have done to me. This business isn't going to change me. I've always been the way I am and always will be."

Jeremy Novick



Here's looking at you, kid: Honeyghan, turning the tables on the opposition, feels as much at ease behind the camera as he does in front of it (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

## SQUASH RACKE

### The sting in the tail proves decisive

By Colin McQuillan

The Dunnington Mill squad in the American Express Premier League are called Poundstretchers in recognition of their team sponsorship from British Airways. They might justifiably be labelled player-stretchers for their capabilities in walloping opponents even when their top strings are not available.

The East Grinstead team still lead the national league, if only by a single point, after inflicting a 4-1 defeat upon a Halls West Country squad reinforced by the Swedish number one Jan Ulf Soderberg. With Philip Kenyon and Kelvin Smith playing at the Al Falaj Open in Oman, responsibility for maintaining their lead fell upon Paul Gregory and Danny Meddings, two of the youngest players in the competition but increasingly noteworthy for professional commitment.

The Poundstretchers needed every possible point to resist the growing challenge from Skel Leicestershire, who won 4-1 in Wakefield against Vico Monrore, and InterCity-Cannons, who defeated Nottingham 3-2, with the under-23 champion Jamie Hickox beating Greg Pollard, the world No. 13, in straight games.

Hard fought five-game victories came for the East Grinstead side from Andrew Dwyer and Steve Cunningham but Phil Whitlock, normally a dependable third string, was always struggling against Soderberg, who had only arrived from Stockholm during the afternoon.

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Archie Hall	7	2	5	16
Halls West Country	7	2	5	16
Vico Monrore	7	0	7	0
Arrow Village	7	0	7	0

Meddings clinched the match by beating Darren Mabbs, at fourth string, 9-4, 9-2, 9-3, with as clinical a display of short games as any in the top places they now appear regularly as a devastating double sting in the Dunnington Mill tail.

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## British hopes dashed as sledges go missing

From Chris Moore, Winterberg, West Germany

Britain's team suffered a severe setback after arriving here for the opening round of the World Cup series without any sledges. Despite day-long inquiries the whereabouts of their three two-man bobs were still unclear last night.

They were originally due to have been flown from Calgary last week by the Royal Air Force. When that arrangement fell through due to a priority loading, the sledges were scheduled to fly from Toronto with Air Canada. They should have arrived in Düsseldorf yesterday but were not on board. With no replacements available, the British team have no option but to sit out yesterday's first two practice runs. They will also miss this morning's two runs and unless the sleds arrive today, face the prospect of missing all six training runs.

The team manager, Mr Hammond, a flight lieutenant in the RAF, will seek special dispensation from the jury for his drivers, Nick Phipps, Tom De La Hunty and Peter Brugnall, to have two extra runs tomorrow if the sleds arrive in time. "It's the first time anything like this has happened to us," Hammond said. "At the moment I haven't even been able to establish whether the sleds are on this side or the other side of the Atlantic. We saved ourselves about £2,000 in transportation costs by getting the RAF to fly the sleds to Canada. But it was always on the understanding



Nick Phipps: kept waiting

that if a priority loading came up we would have to make other arrangements for getting them back."

The only British driver not affected was Stan Tout, runner-up behind Phipps in last week's British four-man championship in Igls. He was able to practice in his Army sledge yesterday but is not in the British two-man team for this weekend's Velins Cup.

## FISHING

### Britain and Ireland lag in salmon conservation

By Conrad Voss Bark

Britain and Ireland were strongly criticized by an American delegate at a recent scientific conference in France attended by all the major conservationists in salmon conservation. Richard A. Buck, said Britain and Ireland had not progressed in conservation and the Salmon Bill in the UK Parliament (now an Act) provided no important reductions in catch limits, either commercial or angling.

What was needed, he said, was a long-term plan of stock enhancement instead of the timid proposals put forward in Parliament.

Other nations had done far better. In the United States regulations permitted Atlantic salmon to be taken only by rod and line. In Canada in-river angling catch limits have been drastically reduced, drift netting banned, inshore netting banned entirely in some areas and seasons cut back in others. For Newfoundland, Canada, under a North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization agreement, the autumn commercial fishing has ended to reduce interception of US stocks.

Since the NASCO treaty came into operation three years ago there have been two cuts in the Greenland netting quota.

Not only that, Buck said while British and Irish delegates listened gloomily, even the Soviets had now become signatories to the conservation treaty (NASCO) as their salmon frequently come round the North Cape to feed in the Norwegian sea. Like the United States he went on, the Soviet Union has never permitted fishing for salmon in the ocean, and permits only rod and line taking in rivers.

"Now we come," he went on, "to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, for both of whom the European Economic Community negotiates under NASCO. Sad to say, both these nations which produce about half of the world supply of salmon, there has been no major forward movement."

## Fisher dies

Dick Fisher, the former England speedway rider and Belle Vue captain, has died, aged 53. Fisher made world final appearances in 1956 and 1964.

## Depth and age range make Swiss side the favourites

By Ian McMillan

The stop-go World Cup downhill season resumes again on Saturday at Val d'Isère in France with a long list of 19 racers already into the points. Hopes of a regular southern hemisphere autumn leg were finally blown away by an Argentine gale as organizers struggled to complete two downhill planned for the high-altitude Andean resort of Las Lenas last August.

The two-year experiment was not a total flop but it seemed impossible to get all the right ingredients together to win unanimous support. The Swiss dominated the races and greatly influenced the decision to compete there in the first place. They were always strongly in favour because they have done their summer training in Las Lenas for the past seven years.

So, having become acquainted with the mountains and the freak weather conditions, it is hardly surprising that in this, their second summer home, Swiss competitors won both races this year and last.

Three men, Karl Alpiher, Peter Mueller and Firmin Zurbriegen, won those races and must start favourites. Alpiher won both races last August and his fellow countrymen one after the other. Mueller heads the downhill points tally on 40, having scored a third place as opposed to Zurbriegen's six. At only five points behind, Zurbriegen, aged 23, and the first man to have won on the greatest Hahnenkamm course at Kitzbühel on two consecutive days, has the youth and talent to overtake Mueller at any time.

Mueller, aged 30, is part of an old master group of downhillers who are showing experience can triumph over youth. Leonard Stock, the Austrian who won the gold medal in the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, never lived up to that achievement and was even dropped from the Austrian team two years ago. Last season, however, he scored consistently in the top five and ended up sixth in the final

standings. And in Las Lenas he was the only racer to break the Swiss stranglehold and the only Frenchman to get into the top five on both occasions.

The fellow-Austrian, Anton Steiner, the same age as Stock at 28, will be hoping to pull something equally spectacular out of the hat. Steiner has always been knocking on the door but surprisingly unlocked it with a win in Morzine last February.

Zurbriegen has the additional spur of having earned even more points from giant slalom success at Sestriere in Italy last Sunday. He now leads the overall championship with 50 points and, with such success in these other disciplines, this season will see an addition to his confidence, especially when it

comes to the Kitzbühel downhill in the last weekend of January. The other classic, the Lauberhorn at Wengen, on the preceding weekend, will be a dramatic curtain-raiser to the world Alpine championships which open on January 25 in Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

The strength of the Swiss team is further supported by Franz Heizer, Daniel Marber, and Gustav Othli and, with only four places available for the Swiss world championship team, a further spurt of ambition will be injected into their efforts. No other country has so much talent in such numbers. The fight for team places will be fierce and will be conducted on the World Cup rostrum over the next few weeks.

Peter Wirsberger, of Austria, last year's World Cup champion, on the other hand was way ahead of his Austrian teammates. Stock, however, surprised all by being a repeat of Zurbriegen's double win on consecutive days on the dreaded Hahnenkamm at Kitzbühel. A late starter, Wirsberger, aged 27, is an unexpected Austrian hero.

Detlef Barich, once the trainer for the British team when Konrad Barileksi started out, has recently been appointed as the Austrian supreme and is under no illusions as to the kind of age range and depth of his team in comparison to the Swiss side.

The other two notable successes from Argentina were Marc Girardelli, skiing for Luxembourg, and Marcus Wasmayer, of West Germany. Girardelli, aged 23, an Austrian citizen with an Italian name and skiing under Luxembourg's flag of convenience, is, like Zurbriegen, the kind of all-rounder in slalom, giant slalom and downhill that officials and organizers have been praying for since the days of Jean-Claude Killy.

His positions of fourth and tenth in Argentina were an excellent start for the man who has won the overall title three times and both slalom titles two years ago.

Recently, however, his showing in slalom has been a nightmare. Last season he fell or skied out of courses in most of the opening races and in the first race of this season last Saturday he fell badly, dislocating his shoulder.

He skied the following day in the giant slalom but did not make the cut for the second run. Reports from Val d'Isère indicate that he will be competing in the downhill and super giant slalom. And injury or no injury, he more than anyone, as a lone skier fighting the might of the Austrian machine he refused to join, has his eyes firmly fixed on a repeat of Killy's triple gold achievement in world championships.

Martin Bell, the best British World Cup performer ever, stands at the threshold of a crucial year for him. Aged 22, he does not have to do any better than his four places in the top 10 and one in the top 15 of last season but he cannot afford to do any worse.



Bell: everything he needs to seize the chance of a lifetime

## SKIING

### World diary

Dec 6-7: Val d'Isère (Fr): Downhill and slalom.

Dec 14: Val Gardena (It): Downhill.

Dec 19-20: Kranjska Gora (Yug): Slalom.

Jan 15: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (FRG): Downhill and super giant.

Jan 17-18: Wengen (Switz): Downhill and slalom.

Jan 24-25: Kitzbühel (Austria): Downhill and slalom.

Jan 28-Feb 1: Crans-Montana (Switz): Alpine world championships.

Feb 12: Tignes (FRG): Giant slalom.

Feb 28-Mar 1: France (Japan): Downhill and super giant.

Mar 7-8: Aspen (US): Downhill and super giant.

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## RUGBY LEAGUE

### Sheridan turns jokes to Doncaster's advantage

Keith Macklin's Diary

The comedians, both professional and amateur, who have fed off Doncaster for years must now look for another easy target after Sunday's shock humbling of Hull Kingston Rovers in the John Player second Trophy first round. Here are a few examples of the barbs and goads that the Dons suffered in the long years when they were the Rugby League's equivalent of homeless Dickensian urchins in the workhouse.

"Doncaster's new coach has taken his first training session. He told them to take up their usual positions, and they all ran behind the posts..."

"Doncaster have ordered a new grandstand. The statue arrives on Monday..."

"Shergar has been found at last. He was discovered grazing on Doncaster's opponents' try line last Sunday..."

All this, and much more, as Doncaster, who entered the league in 1951, achieved inclusion in the Guinness Book of World Records by losing 40 consecutive games, featured in a gently mirth-making television documentary, *Another Bloody Sunday*, and turned up week by week to be ritually slaughtered by every other side in the league before attendances of a few hundred.

John Sheridan, the former Castleford forward and Leeds reserve coach, took on the least desirable job in Rugby League in 1984 and is now in his third season as Doncaster coach. When he arrived at the then aptly named Tattersfield, named after Len Tattersfield, a former player, he found only five registered players, and had to fill the team with amateurs and hastily loaned signings. Since then, rallying to Sheridan's hard work and enthusiasm, changing boards of directors have dipped deep into their pockets to buy shrewdly, pick up bargain free transfers, and sign outstanding young players from successful local amateur clubs.

From Castleford have come

experienced players in Ian Birky, Andrew Timson and Kevin Jones. Kevin Parkhouse is a local lad who has made tremendous strides in the pack, and Neil Turner, a winger who scored a club record 20 tries last season is from a local rugby union club.

Slowly and patiently Sheridan has put the Doncaster act together. At first there were plenty of defeats, but a glimmer of light with an occasional win. Then the victories began to be more regular, and last season the Dons had a tremendous spell when they shot up the second division table, beat Salford in a cup tie at home, and gave tough games to Leeds and St Helens in other cup matches. This season the momentum has continued. Doncaster, after a slow start, are challenging for promotion. Then last Sunday came the 18-14 victory over Hull KR, after which Sheridan said: "This is the greatest day in my rugby career."

Doncaster were bitterly disappointed to be drawn away to Leigh, of the first division in Sunday's John Player second round. Crowd enthusiasm is growing by leaps and bounds at Tattersfield, but they now have no home fixture until early January.

That is, unless they draw or win at Leigh, and there is no doubt that after Sunday's amazing win confidence is high. Says Sheridan: "Obviously we would rather be at home, but if we put our game together and tackle as we did against Rovers we can win." The Dons will not lack support, with ten coachloads of fans making the trip.

Carlisle have switched to Penrith's ground, 18 miles away, tomorrow — their third attempt to settle — their third round John Player Trophy tie with Keighley. Carlisle's pitch was unfit on Sunday and Keighley requested Tuesday's tie postponed because their players were unable to miss work.

## BADMINTON

### Scots planning revenge

By Richard Eaton

England must beware of an extremely spirited and readily improving Scotland side that will be determined to avenge themselves for past humiliations tonight at Hereford.

What should make the Scots particularly dangerous is that two years ago the English, after winning all 55 contests between the two countries, decided to downgrade the fixture and describe the team as an "England select".

Since then both matches have ended with a 4-3 scoreline — the Scots being within a single point of victory two years ago at Hincley — and it is certainly possible that English hearts will be in their mouths again this time.

Scottish ire may not be quite so outspoken as it was, but it is still quite detectable. "We feel sorry for the English players who don't get full caps when they play against us," the coach, Allan Campbell, said. "We are the fourth best side in Europe and we think the gap between us and England has closed. Our whole attitude has changed because we go out there now

genuinely believing we can win."

The Scots have a world-class doubles pair in Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers, who are the Commonwealth champions, a good singles player in Alex White, and another good doubles pair in White and Iain Pringle. Unfortunately, Pringle yesterday contracted influenza and had to be replaced by the inexperienced Ross Gladwin.

A serious blow for the Scots. Their best hopes of causing an upset probably rest with Anders Nielsen, the most promising young player in England, for a recent defeat in the Scottish international championships, and to win two men's doubles and the mixed, in which Gilliland, the former All-England mixed doubles champion, has a new partner in Jennifer Allen.

ENGLAND: Singles: Men: A. Nielsen and J. Pringle; Women: F. Elliott, D. Davies, M. R. O'Hara and M. Brown; A. Salvendy and M. Johnson. Women's: A. Nielsen and J. Pringle; A. Salvendy and M. Johnson. Women's: A. Nielsen and J. Pringle; A. Salvendy and M. Johnson. Women's: A. Nielsen and J. Pringle; A. Salvendy and M. Johnson.

SCOTLAND: A. White, A. Gallagher, J. Allen, W. Gilliland and D. Travers, White and R. Gladwin; E. Allen and P. Hamilton; Gilliland and J. Allen.

## ATHLETICS

### Slaney to miss out

Eugene, Oregon (AP) — Mary Slaney, the world champion at 1,500 and 3,000 metres, is likely to miss the 1987 indoor season because of surgery on her right Achilles tendon. Mrs Slaney, who is also the world record holder for the mile, underwent arthroscopic surgery here a week ago Tuesday to repair damage done to the tendon over the last three years.

She said her choices were to have the operation this autumn and miss at least most of the indoor season or run indoors and sit out the first part of the 1987 outdoor campaign. Mrs Slaney decided to have the surgery now because of the World Championships in Rome next year.

Mrs Slaney, aged 28, had scheduled three meetings this winter. The Pacific Northwest indoor in Portland on January 24, the Sunbelt Invitational at Los Angeles on January 16 and the Milrose Games.

"The January meets are out, but if the progress is fairly rapid, I might be able to run in some meets at the end of February," she said.











# Martin's swift return is precisely what the doctor ordered

## Wood taking aim at the big time

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## Spain topple Albania to lead group

**The toast is Jennings: Kevin Keegan drinks to the health of Northern Ireland's goalkeeper (left) and his wife, Elnor. A testimonial match was staged for Jennings in Belfast last night**

## A goalkeeper who finds joy in coming miles off his line


**FA CUP**

When we won at Stockport in the FA Cup last year he was undoubtedly the decisive factor."

Despite having helped Hereford win the third division

at home to York in Saturday's second round, spent £3,000 on ground improvements after trouble during last month's clash against Stockport. "They wrote to a number of clubs, including us, asking for financial help," the Luton executive director, John Smith said.

# Hobday making giant strides towards the top

They are followed by two Britons on 279, David Gilford

**IRON AGE YEARS**

Dunbar (GS), 71, 68, 69, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

D Gifford (GS), 68, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

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M Morrison (Sw), 73, 65, 71, 70, 70, 261f W Moore (GS), 69, 73, 66, 71, 60, M Moreno (GS), 72, 71, 70, 69, 68, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

J J López (Sp), 67, 66, 75, 3 C R Coates (UK), 73, 71, 65, 68, 282e A Stubbs (GS), 75, 84, 74, 73, P A Brostedt (Sw), 72, 65, 70, 72 D Klenk (US), 71, 70, 71, 70, 71, 282z J Pearce (GS), 72, 68, 74, 69, P Alston (GS), 72, 71, 70, 69, 68, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0.

P J Sutherland (GS), 69, 75, 72, 68, C Flehm (GS), 70, 73, 71, 69,

## List of team could be premature

## Langer is back to fill vacuum

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With them are the American,anny Wadkins, David Gram, of Australia, Tze-Chung hen, of Taiwan, and the British yder Cup colleagues, Howard ark and Ian Woosnam, who ere drafted in at the last inute.

Gramm finished third in the Japanese Masters two weeks ago after promising performances in the Nissan Cup and South Australia Open while McNulty, losing his fourth successive tournament victory in a row, is the main home contender.

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"This committee shall have power to bring into force for the said period all measures passed at the general meeting in February, 1940, with such alterations as they see fit."

**Sponsorship and grants totaling £20,000 enabled ELGA to announce a profit for the year of £3,240.**

## Century for Wessels on SA debut

**SCORES:** Border 358 (B M Osborne 127, G L Hayes 74, L Wilmot 44). Kim Hughes's 101 232 for four (K C Wessels 100 not out, B N Yalton 45).

## **Repton finish in style**

**Thais defend**  
Bangkok (AP) — Two Thai World Boxing Council champions, the super bantamweight

## **Slick Sultan on crest of the wave**

A strong wind at Cochrane's back helped them to a useful lead of 12-6 at the halfway stage but, in a competition open to all-ranks in the British Isles, Sultan proved to be worthy

## RUGBY UNION

Kellert, whose quick-wittedness enabled Greenland to score Sultan's third try was the match's top scorer with nine points from three conversions and a well-taken dropped goal.

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FOOTBALL						
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five, qualifier: Greece 4, Cyprus 2						
Group five standings						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Greece	3	2	0	1	7	5
Cyprus	2	1	1	0	2	1
Netherlands	2	1	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	2	0	0	2	1	3
Poland	1	0	0	3	2	4

Group one, qualifier: Spain 2, Albania 1

Group One Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Germany	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Denmark	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP  
Group eight, qualifier: The Netherlands 2, Luxembourg 0. Standings: 1, West Germany, played 1, 2pts; 2, The Netherlands,

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH:** Cameroon 2-0 Cambridge United 2

**TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS**  
**TODAY LEAGUE**  
**SECOND DIVISION:** Grimsby 1, Blackburn  
**THIRD DIVISION:** Bournemouth 0, Gillingham 2  
**FOURTH DIVISION:** Northampton 4, Exeter 0.  
**FULL MEMBERS' CUP**  
**SECOND ROUND:** Ipswich 1, Aston Villa 0  
 (Ipswich away to Manchester City).

**WEIGHT ROVER TROPHY:** Bolton 0; Cambridge 0, Fulham 0.

Alder 0, Wottonham Wanderers 1;  
 Atherfield 2, Middlebrough 1; Crews 1,  
 Easer 2; Darlington 2, Rochdale 2;  
 Sheffield 2, Halifax 2; Scunthorpe 1,  
 Tiptoe Ball 0; Torquay 0, Swansea 0.  
**FOOTBALL CONSERVATION:** Bristol Rovers  
 5, Oxford 2; Swindon 0, Watford 3;  
 Weymouth 0, Reading 4; Brighton 4, Charlton  
 2, QPR 0, Chelsea 2.  
**CENTRAL LEAGUE:** First division: Liver-  
 pool 1, Sheffield Wed 1; Leeds 1, Oldham  
 2.  
 Second division: Rotherham 1,  
 Middlesbrough 4; Preston 1, Port Vale 2.

**ELSH CUP:** Third round: Shrewsbury 1, Celtic Albion 0.

**NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:** President's Cup: First round, first legs: **Accrington 3, Macclesfield 2.**

**MILITARY LEAGUE:** Goble 0, Winton 1; **Winn 0, Workington 0; Southport 2, Salford 1.**

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE:** **BSL** Dellow Cup: First round: **Bromsgrove 4, Bridgnorth 0; Kidlington 4, Banbury 0; Cranshaw 1, Blandford and Belvedere 1; Coventry Sporting 1, Bedworth 3; Dover 3, Canterbury 1; Asher 3, Chatham 0; Moor Green 1.**

### AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR AVERAGES

# AUS-7-4

## ENGLAND

### Batting and fielding

	M	INO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	Sr			
D I Gower	2	4	250	138	63.3	—	1	—	—			
G C Broad	2	4	188	168	46.6	—	—	—	—			
C J Richards	2	4	138	149	33	—	1	—	—			
I T Botham	2	4	144	138	48.0	—	—	—	—			
C W J Athey	2	4	178	84	45.7	—	—	—	—			
N W Gatting	2	4	187	70	39.25	—	—	—	—			
P A J DeFreitas	2	4	143	47	35.75	—	—	—	—			
J E Embury	2	4	17	17	—	—	—	—	—			
A L Lamb	2	4	51	40	12.75	—	—	—	—			
G R Dillley	2	4	8	—	—	—	—	—	—			
P H Edmonds	2	4	9	—	0.00	—	—	—	—			

### Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BS	St	10M				
G C Broad	84.2	2	327	11	22.45	5-63	—	—				
P H Edmonds	84	31	138	4	34.50	2-55	—	—				
P A J DeFreitas	70.4	13	208	8	34.86	—	—	—				
I T Botham	146.3	4	178	8	22.25	1-1	—	—				
I T Botham	57.2	9	177	4	44.25	2-58	—	—				

Also bowled: N W Gatting, 6-37.4; A L Lamb, 1-0-0.

## AUS-7-4

### Batting and fielding

	M	INO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	Sr			
GJH Matthews	2	4	128	58	84.00	—	—	1	2			
G R Marsh	2	4	130	110	57.50	—	—	—	—			
M C Ritchie	2	4	143	47	35.75	—	—	1	—			
A R Border	2	4	171	123	43.25	—	—	—	—			
C W J Athey	2	4	83	38	20.50	—	—	—	—			
S R Waugh	2	4	99	99	75.00	—	—	—	—			
D M Jones	2	4	122	64	30.50	—	—	1	—			
C J Matthews	2	4	111	77	28.25	—	—	—	—			
C D Boobee	2	4	26	14	6.50	—	—	—	—			
F Reid	2	4	1	—	0.00	—	—	—	—			
M G Hughes	1	2	0	—	0.00	—	—	—	—			

### Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BS	St	10M				
S R Waugh	68	11	225	8	28.27	5-69	—	—				
B A Reid	98	16	279	9	31.00	4-115	—	—				
M G Hughes	41.3	7	162	6	32.40	3-154	—	—				
C J Matthews	70	8	165	5	33.00	2-65	—	—				
G R J Matthews	52	8	183	1	183.00	1-124	—	—				
A R Border	50	10	0	—	—	—	—	—				
L Lawson	50	10	0	—	—	—	—	—				

## ENGLAND TOUR AVERAGES

### Batting and fielding

	M	INO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	Sr			
I T Botham	8	11	2	436	139	48.44	1	2	5			
J J Whitaker	8	12	0	118	38.33	—	—	1	—			
G C Broad	26	12	0	340	28.33	—	—	—	—			
A J Lamb	59	10	0	148	15.00	—	—	—	—			
D Gower	59	10	0	303	30.30	—	—	—	—			
C J Richards	2	4	1	101	74.38	—	—	—	—			
N W Gatting	4	7	0	231	57.75	—	—	—	—			
C J Matthews	4	7	0	201	50.25	—	—	—	—			
P H Edmonds	4	7	0	230	57.50	—	—	—	—			
C W J Athey	4	7	0	236	59.00	—	—	—	—			
P A J DeFreitas	4	7	0	230	57.50	—	—	—	—			
G R Dillley	4	7	0	230	57.50	—	—	—	—			
P H Edmonds	4	7	0	230	57.50	—	—	—	—			
P A J DeFreitas	4	7	1	116	40.13	—	—	—	—			
G R Dillley	4	7	0	230	57.50	—	—	—	—			
J E Embury	5	9	3	71	24.11	—	—	—	—			
G C Small	4	6	1	89	26.11	—	—	—	—			
W N Stack	4	6	0	10	18.53	—	—	—	—			

### Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BS	St	10M				
N W Gatting	14	3	33	2	16.50	1-1	—	—				
G R Dillley	138.2	24	41	16	26.31	5-88	—	—				
I T Botham	111	27	12	33	33.33	1-1	—	—				
N A Foster	60	18	151	5	30.20	3-30	—	—				
J E Embury	250.4	87	649	21	30.90	6-102	—	—				
P H Edmonds	145.4	51	361	12	30.08	5-63	—	—				
G C Small	97.25	23	85	8	35.37	3-30	—	—				
Also bowled: A L Lamb	216	65	472	12	39.33	3-37	—	—				

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## In the event of war . . .

The English Ladies' Golf Association yesterday approved a change in their rules . . . governing the outbreak of war. At their annual general meeting in London, their president, Joan Roguschild, was swift to give a "They don't insist" explanation: "They don't insist on dropping a ball out of a bomb's crater or suspension of play because of gunfire."

Women golfers have a reputation of being prepared for any eventuality and they unanimously passed a resolution stating: "In the event of war or a

"This committee shall have power to bring into force for the said period all measures passed at the general meeting in February, 1940, with such alterations as they see fit."

Sponsorship and grants totalling £20,000 enabled ELGA to announce a profit for the year of £13,340.



# TELEVISION AND RADIO

## Thinning out the Whitehall hopefuls

**CHOICE**

A Civil Service commissioner, sitting behind me at the Press preview of the 40 Minutes documentary *The Chosen Few* (BBC2, 9.30pm) which describes the selection process for Whitehall jobs, returned this verdict as the house lights came up: "That was above the level of acceptability." And so, on the assessors' scale of 1 to 7, (7 counts as a glittering success), the first of Chris Culling's two films about the Civil Service recruitment procedure, has cleared the initial hurdles. It gets a pass mark from me, too. Whether the same commissioner would have put part two (next week) in the acceptability category, I am not able to say. And, although I know the answer, wild horses would not drag from me any hint as to whether some or none of the candidates whose sweaty-palm ordeal is detailed in the two films,

a military coup. The camera duly records it, and it is all fair game. But where some people might take issue with *The Chosen Few* is when the camera goes with the assessors into the dissecting room, and the microphone picks up such judgments as "self-consciously yobbish".... "dangerous quality".... "loses balance when facing moral issues". In a sense, however, the balance is restored when the candidate in question, reporting on an exchange with an assessor on the question of whether boxing should be banned, confesses that they were both arguing about technicalities from the same position of ignorance.

● **Blood Red Roses** (Channel 4, 9.30), a three-part drama serial by (and directed by) John McGrath, began life on the stage and traces of its theatrical origins can be detected in it. As a study in

militant feminism, however, it carries quite a punch. Literally so, because the central character of Bessie (played, in her younger manifestation, by Louise Beattie) is a born fighter - a fact made abundantly clear in schoolyard sequences in which she assaults a teacher and responds with a four-letter word when a clergyman assures the girls that God will lead them to an acceptance of their subservient role in a man's world.

● **Radio choice:** So condemnatory of our over-burdened NHS hospitals is Colin Douglas's play *Better to Break Your Neck* (Radio 4, 3.00pm) that any aged listener who suffers an injury as the play's pathetic heroine does, will probably demand a cast-iron guarantee of an early operation immediately on being admitted.



Terry Thomas, Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott: *School for Scoundrels* (BBC1, 2pm)

Peter Davalle

- BBC1**
- 6.00 **Cee-fax AM.**
  - 6.30 News headlines followed by *The Flintstones*. Cartoon series (r) 6.55 *Weather*.
  - 7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
  - 8.40 *Watchdog*. Consumer affairs programme presented by Lynn Faulds Wood and Jon Stapleton. 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News.
  - 9.05 *Day to Day*. A studio discussion on a topical subject, chaired by Robert Kilroy-Silk. 9.45 *Advice Shop*. Margo MacDonald examines the ins and outs of supplementary benefit. 10.00 *Neighbours*. (r) 10.25 *Phil*. Film: *School for Scoundrels* (1959) starring Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas, Alastair Sim, and Janette Scott. Comedy, based on Stephen Potter's *Onesmanship* books, about a put-upon old man who is persuaded to enrol in the College of Lifesmanship. Directed by Robert Hamer. 3.35 *Coming Up*. A preview of the feature.
  - 10.00 *Question Time*. Sir Robin Day's panel is Peter Sutherland, Susan Thomas, and MPs Bryn Gould and Sir Geoffrey Howe.
  - 11.00 *Matt Houston*. A millionaire's wife is kidnapped and Matt is on the trail of the perpetrators.
  - 11.50 *Weather*.

- BBC2**
- 6.00 **Cee-fax.**
  - 6.30 *News* on Two. A-level studies - statistics. 10.15 *Science* - hearing. 10.38 *History*: the partitioning of Ireland. 11.00 *Thinkout*. 11.18 *Preparing children* for experiences outside the home. 11.40 *A group of teenage girls* recount instances of sexual harassment. 12.12 *Basic Spanish* conversation skills. 12.30 *French* for absolute beginners. 12.45 *Associations* between living organisms. 1.05 *French* conversation. 1.35 *The microtechnology industry* in Wales. 2.00 *Why different* clothes make you feel different. 2.15 *A musical version* of the story of *Dick Whittington*.
  - 2.35 *In the Making*. Tessa Fuchs, a potter, demonstrates and talks about the landscapes she makes in clay. (r) 2.55 *Wild World*. The creatures who live in a city of coral in the Caribbean. (r) 3.45 *Small World*. Max Irvine and his models of spacecraft. (r) 3.55 *Regional news* and weather. 4.00 *Pamela Armstrong*. This afternoon's topic is the ease with which credit can be obtained. Music is provided by Jack Graham.
  - 4.35 *Look Stranger*. The story of Patrick O'Hara who used his redundancy money to buy a sculpt in porcelain. (r) 5.00 *News* with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather. 5.30 *Just Good Friends*. The two would-be lovers make for Portugal and a villa owned by the two-reading Piners. (Cee-fax) 6.00 *Question Time*. Sir Robin Day's panel is Peter Sutherland, Susan Thomas, and MPs Bryn Gould and Sir Geoffrey Howe.
  - 6.45 *What on Earth?* A wildlife quiz presented by Jeremy Charles. 7.10 *Si Gordon Richards*. A repeat of the Maestro programme in which the celebrated jockey and trainer looked back on his career. 7.40 *Open Space: Who Goes Where?* A documentary about racial discrimination in the National Health. 8.10 *Tenewatch: The Human Factor*. Peter France presents two films - one about a peasant farmer who accidentally discovered the largest cache of Thracian treasure, the other on the Italian forger whose work gained reputable art experts.
  - 9.00 *Entertainment USA*. Jonathan King, continues his journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles.
  - 9.30 *40 Minutes: The Chosen Few*. A documentary following a group of candidates through Whitehall's Fast Stream Selection Process. (see Choice) (Cee-fax) 10.10 *Phil Silvers*. The officer sent to cure Biko and his plecton of gambling turns out to be a beautiful blonde. (r) 10.35 *Newsnight*. 11.20 *Weather*.

- ITV/LONDON**
- 6.15 *TV-am Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News with David Foster at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.45 and 7.45; exercises at 6.55 and 8.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and *Jani Barnett's postbag* at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Claire Fayer with a fact on personal problems.
  - 9.25 *Thames news headlines*.
  - 9.30 *The Terms Ahead*: the soap opera genre. 9.55 *Lineation* quarrying. 10.17 *A German programme* about animals. 10.38 *The Norfolk Broads*.
  - 11.00 *Amey the Angel*. A young girl is on the brink of suicide when an angel convinces her how and life would have been if she hadn't been born. 11.45 *Watson Watson*. Cartoon.
  - 12.00 *Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends*. (r) 12.10 *Prindle Lane*. Puppet series with Neil Innes. 12.30 *The Sullivan*. Drama serial about an Australian family in the Forties.
  - 1.00 *News at One* with Leonard Partin includes the fourth daily item on Aids which examines how incurable Aids sufferers are cared for. 1.20 *Thames news*.
  - 1.30 *Falcon Crest*. Drama serial, starring Jane Wyman, about the vineyard-owning folk of California. 2.25 *Home Cookery Club*. Fresh Apple Tart.
  - 2.30 *Daytime*. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on why hospital waiting lists are so long and what should be done about it. 3.00 *Take the High Road*. Carol McKay is brought to her senses by a dangerous encounter in the woods. 3.25 *Thames news* headlines. 3.30 *Sons and Daughters*.
  - 4.00 *The Raggy Dolls*. 4.10 *The Telebugs*. 4.20 *Running Loose*. Serial about a group of inner-city youngsters on a camping holiday in the English

- CHANNEL 4**
- 2.15 *Their Lordships' House*. A report of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.
  - 2.30 *Film: Kismet* (1944) starring Ronald Coleman and Marlene Dietrich. Fantasy tale of an old Baghdad beggar who, in an attempt to marry off his daughter to a member of the royal household, poses as a prince and woos the fair Jamilla, the Grand Vizier's favourite wife. Directed by William Dieterle.
  - 4.20 *Gumshoe Magoo*. Cartoon starring the incomparable Mr Magoo, the myopic wonder.
  - 4.30 *Countdown*. Alec Cooke from Birmingham challenges yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic game. Richard Whitley is the questionmaster.
  - 5.00 *Channel 4 News* (1983) starring Cissy Courtneidge. A young cabaret artist manages to obtain work at a night club by posing as a famous French singer, but on opening night she is kidnapped. Directed by Tim Whelan.
  - 6.30 *Union World* presented by Trevor Hyatt. Union leaders representing Britain's customs officers claim that because of shortage of manpower the government's promise to beat the drugs smuggling gangs is a hollow threat.
  - 7.00 *Channel 4 News* with Nicholas Owen.
  - 7.50 *Comment*. With her views on a topical subject is Gloria Frankel, a member of the international Committee for the Release of Detained and 'Disappeared' Women in Iraq. Weather.
  - 8.00 *Realm of Darkness*. Drowned River of Dread. Gosh! Crocsway and Julian Griffiths explore the underground river that reaches the Greek coast at the Mani Peninsula.
  - 9.00 *Oh Madeline*. American domestic comedy series starring Madeline Kahn.
  - 9.30 *Blood Red Roses*. Part one of a three-episode dramatization of the life of industrial fighter, Bessie McGulgan. (see Choice) (Cee-fax) 10.30 *20/20 Vision: No Man Wants To Die*. The story of Derrick Gregory, an Englishman facing the gallows in Malaysia for smuggling heroin.
  - 11.30 *Religious*. Candy Devine's series includes the Ulster Salvation Army Band, Crossfire, the New Cathedral Choir, and John Parker, chairman of Harland and Wolff.
  - 11.55 *Relative Strangers*. Comedy series starring Matthew Kelly and Mark Farmer as, respectively, a father and son who did not meet each other until the boy was a teenager. (r) 12.20 *Their Lordships' House*. Highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.40.

- VARIATIONS**
- BBC1** Wales 8.55pm-9.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 9.30pm-9.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 10.00pm-10.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 10.30pm-10.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 11.00pm-11.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 11.30pm-11.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 12.00pm-12.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 12.30pm-12.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 1.00pm-1.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 1.30pm-1.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 2.00pm-2.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 2.30pm-2.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 3.00pm-3.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 3.30pm-3.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 4.00pm-4.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 4.30pm-4.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 5.00pm-5.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 5.30pm-5.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 6.00pm-6.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 6.30pm-6.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 7.00pm-7.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 7.30pm-7.55pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 8.00pm-8.25pm. *Welsh News* and weather. 8.30pm-8.55pm. *Welsh News* 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